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Police fall out on advance warning

Our fans are a disgrace, says Major

BY RICHARD FORD, NICHOLAS WATT, BILL FROST AND JOHN GOODBODY

JOHN MAJOR last night condemned the thuggish behaviour of English soccer fans in Dublin as a war of words erupted over who was to blame for failing to prevent the violence at the "friendly" match on Wednesday night.

In a message to John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, Mr Major said: "They were a disgrace and an embarrassment."

His attack on the supporters whose mayhem forced the match to be abandoned came as police and the Football Association of Ireland blamed the authorities in England for the trouble.

Nora Owen, the Irish Justice Minister, demanded to know how the troublemakers got tickets to attend the match. She appointed Thomas Finlay, a former chief justice to investigate the trouble and the preparation made for a match that had the potential to erupt into disorder.

As police in Dublin accused the English Football Association of failing to monitor troublemakers at the ground, security sources in London said the Irish had refused an offer of help to identify a hardcore hooligan element among thousands of fans.

Nearly 30 English fans appeared before the Dublin District Court yesterday on charges connected with the violence. They faced charges brought under Ireland's public order law, including assault and causing a breach of the peace. Six were remanded in custody, the others released and ordered to leave the country. Police had detained 40 people on Tuesday before the match.

But a Gardai statement attempted to absolve the Irish police of any blame for failing to prevent the trouble, by pointing the finger at the English Football Association. It said it had been assured by the FA that tickets would be sold on a selective basis and that two sections of the stand would be reserved for English fans. A statement said: "The English FA also provided some stewards for the match. The decision to provide a lower- rofile Garda presence in the immediate vicinity of the English fans was taken in consultation with the English FA and the Football Association of Ireland."

The Football Association of Ireland denied that it had received information that National Front supporters were among those travelling to Dublin. Bernard O'Byrne, its head of security, said the information received in advance of the international indicated that the Gardai was likely to encounter "no more than 20, 30, maybe 40 undesirables."

"Our arrangements were made fully to gear for that," he said. "We had no indication that there would be National Front people travelling here in what appeared to be a quite substantial numbers."

A report sent by Britain's National Football Intelligence Unit to the Gardai last week was leaked to a Dublin newspaper. It indicated that the Gardai had received much general information about travel arrangements but no details about known troublemakers.

The Football Intelligence Unit said that the Gardai had been made aware that far right troublemakers who sympathise with the wilder extremes of Ulster loyalism were intent on going to Dublin.

Sources claimed that up to 50 faxes detailing information on known troublemakers had been sent to Dublin in the weeks before the match. The unit had offered to send football intelligence officers to help Irish police identify troublemakers as they arrived but the offer was turned down. "The Irish said they could handle it themselves," a spokeswoman said.

Last night the Football Association in England defended its record in dealing with tickets. It said that it had received 2,700 tickets for the game. Members of the official FA Travel Club, whose names and backgrounds are checked against the list of 5,500 known troublemakers held by the National Football International Unit, bought only 1,600. The remaining 1,100 tickets were then returned to Dublin for sale to Irish supporters.

The FA also insisted that it would be pressing ahead with plans to stage the 1996 European football championship in England. It was heartened by a statement by Joao Havelange, president of FIFA, the world governing body, who said: "England does not deserve, because of a localised problem, to have a sporting right withdrawn."

However, Salvatore Cucci, a spokesman for UEFA, the European governing body, which has the ultimate power on whether the tournament should be staged in England, said: "It is a very sensitive problem. We need time to see what we are going to do because it is a major football event in England that could be in danger." UEFA has asked for full details about the incident to be sent to its headquarters in Switzerland.

The innocent English football fan seriously injured during the match was transferred yesterday to a neurological hospital in Dublin, where his condition was stable last night. The victim is Andy Norris, a bespectacled bank clerk, 31, from Beeston, Nottingham, described by friends as "the mildest bloke you could meet".

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Lindley arriving back in Britain, above, and pictured in yesterday's newspapers



Fan blames Irish police

BY ANDREW PIERCE

JERRY LINDLEY, the England fan whose photograph was splashed over the front pages of Britain's national newspapers yesterday, later arrived back in England clutching a blood-stained Flag of St George and insisting that the Irish had provoked the riot.

The father of two was pictured snarling, giving a Nazi-style salute, and being bundled out of Dublin's Lansdowne Road ground by the gardai. He said Irish fans had taunted the English spectators with threats to bomb the mainland.

Mr Lindley, 38, a Millwall supporter, said: "I want to clear my name. I'm not a racist. I'm a patriot. The picture in the national press has really upset me.

"I didn't do anything wrong and therefore I wasn't arrested. The Irish claim they are the victims, but I was beaten black and blue."

Mr Lindley, of Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, had facial cuts and a black eye and needed seven stiches in a head wound he claimed was inflicted by a police baton. "The police surrounded me," he said. "When the game had stopped, the police trapped us in the ground saying 'You're not getting away with this, you're going to get a bloody good hiding'."

Clarke is first to feel effect of No 10 order to fall in line

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE Prime Minister failed yesterday to give public backing to Kenneth Clarke over the impact of a single currency after ordering his Cabinet into line and telling them to stop their feuding over Europe.

John Major refused three times in the Commons to support the Chancellor of the Exchequer's contention that the single currency did not pose a threat to the nation state. Within hours of telling the Cabinet that it must in future stick closely to settled policy "and not be drawn into speculative debate" Mr Major observed his own edict by declining Tony Blair's invitation to endorse Mr Clarke's view.

He did so because to have backed the Chancellor's remarks would have inflamed the Tory right and shredded the newly-won unity which the Prime Minister told MPs he had secured at the Cabinet meeting earlier. However, the spectacle of a Prime Minister being unable to support his Chancellor publicly underlined the depth of the tensions within the parliamentary party and evoked memories for some backbenchers of the unhappy relationship between Baroness Thatcher and Nigel Lawson during the latter months of his time at the Treasury.

Mr Major had earlier laid down the law to his warring ministers with a five minute speech to the Cabinet. He pointed out that he had set out the Government's policy in his speeches in Leiden, The Netherlands, last September and to the Conservative Way Forward this month, and in recent interviews. He told them that public comments should follow that policy and they should not speculate about decisions well into the future. It was time for the public disunity that had outraged the party to stop, he said.

Mr Major's highly unusual injunction was his toughest move so far to try to end the bitter infighting that has riven the party. While ministers said they did not see his words as a threat, senior Tories will expect him to reprimand or dismiss ministers who step out of line in future. It was received without dissent.

A Cabinet source said: "There was no discussion. The PM spoke for quite a long time and was heard out. It was quite a lecture — a very powerful and authoritative performance."

Mr Major went to the Commons to claim that the Cabinet was "utterly united" over a single currency "and reinforced that unity this morning." However, he was given an uncomfortable time by Mr Blair who repeatedly asked him to back Mr Clarke's comments that a single currency was not a threat to the nation state. Mr Major's effective "gagging" order on his Cabinet is certain to be exploited by Labour.

Norman Lamont, Mr Clarke's predecessor as Chancellor, is expected to go back on the warpath today with a speech at the Oxford Union directly challenging his claims on the single currency.

Downing Street went out of its way to deny any disagreement between Mr Major and Mr Clarke. Officials said that they were in "100 per cent agreement" that all the implications of monetary union would need to be considered before any decision on a single currency was taken.

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It's only a match, scared boy said

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE anxious face of an eight-year-old boy clutching his father's hand was a powerful symbol of the terror caused by Lansdowne Road's violence on Wednesday night.

James Eager, from the village of Delgany, Co Wicklow, south of Dublin, had been taken to the "friendly" as a special treat by his father, Shay. Mr Eager, a former goalkeeper with the Irish team Shamrock Rovers, said yesterday that he has instilled a love of the game in his son and has taken him to football matches regularly since he was two.

James, who wants to follow his father's footsteps as a goalkeeper when he grows up, was back at St Laurence's National School at Greystones yesterday.

Mr Eager said that his son had gripped his hand as the players were ordered off the pitch and said: "Dad, what are they doing? It's only a football match."

Mr Eager said they were sitting in the lower west stand when the trouble broke out, and he looked for the safest exit. He said: "We could see stuff being hurled down. I felt it was a danger so I grabbed James James and we ran down onto the pitch. James was more upset than anything else. I tried to make a game of it. I made out that it was a big treat to walk on the Lansdowne Road pitch."





James on Wednesday night, left, and at home yesterday

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Phone ranger traps cyberspace outlaw

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

IT HAD all the features of the classic Western: a colourful villain who had evaded the law for years, a loner determined to track him down and a cliff-hanging final reel when justice triumphed.

The twist in the plot was that it all took place in cyberspace — the frontierland colonised by computer users.

The villain was Kevin Mitnick, 31, the world's most wanted computer hacker, who first gained notoriety by penetrating the US air defence system while still a teenager.

The hero was Tsutomu Shimomura, 30, a Japanese computer security specialist living in California who has a reputation as a brilliant cybersleuth.

Mr Mitnick has been in and out of trouble with the law ever since he was placed on probation for stealing computer manuals from a telephone switching centre at the age of 17. A technical genius who appears to seek no financial gain, he has become a legendary outlaw on the computer frontier.

He once gained control of phone switching centres, enabling him to listen in on calls and to reprogramme the numbers of those he disliked.

But his exploits soon escalated beyond teenage pranks into costly computer crimes. In 1988, he secretly read the electronic mail of computer security officers at MCI Communications, a telephone company, and the Digital Equipment Corporation, a computer maker.

He was convicted in July 1989 and sentenced to a year in a low-security jail. On his release, he was placed on parole requiring him to attend a treatment programme for compulsive disorders. He violated the terms of his parole, and dropped out of sight.

His capture this week suggests, however, that he may finally have overreached himself when he raided Mr Shimomura's home computer. Mr Shimomura, a researcher at the San Diego Supercomputer Centre, immediately decided to hunt the intruder down.

The breakthrough came last weekend when Mr Shimomura determined that Mr Mitnick was operating through a computer modem connected to a cellular telephone in North Carolina.

Mr Shimomura tipped off police and telephone company officials. As he was being handcuffed, Mr Mitnick reportedly turned to Mr Shimomura and said, "Hello, Tsutomu. I respect your skills."

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Faint-hearted forwards fail to tackle foul play by the Irish defence

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

AFTER something as atrocious as Wednesday's mayhem in Dublin, even MPs — most of whom would file a question about sick parrots under "Agriculture" — feel obliged to begin with a passing reference to their shock and horror. Yesterday the PM and his opposite number duly did so.

Then they proceeded to the real mayhem.

Tony Blair heads for the weekend after a week which has seen possibly his worst and undoubtedly his best spats at Prime Minister's Questions. On Tuesday, an over-rehearsed piece of swordsmanship, intended as a three-stage joust, fell apart at the start when the PM simply kicked him in the nuts.

Still smarting as he entered the Chamber yesterday, Blair was greeted by the thinnest cheer he has heard since becoming leader. Minutes later he got his best cheer in months. How had that been achieved?

Blair had offered his own summary of Kenneth Clarke's remarks about a single currency. Did Major agree — yes or no? Major had replied by pointing to shifts in Blair's own position, and asked where *he* stood.

Labour chortled. Tories looked grim. When will politicians learn that the spin-doctors are wrong? If you don't want to answer a question, say so! Trying to divert attention with a question of your own fools nobody. It only invites suspicion and ridicule.

Both were heaped on the PM yesterday. Blair came straight back with a quip about how nice it was to see Major getting some practice at asking *him* the questions. As Blair's backbenchers celebrated their chief's victory, few missed the embarrassed attempt at a careless grin on Mr Clarke's face. These staged contests — dismal as they are — can be revealing in a brutal kind of way. Other sorts of exchange illuminate with a subtler light, as Northern Ireland Questions showed. A sea-change in feelings towards the Ulster Unionists is under way.

No MP actually asked the question which hung, almost tangible, in the air. But there are times at Westminster when you can feel a question forming as you may see a cloud no bigger than a man's hand begin to grow. The question is simple. If everybody but the Unionist MPs can agree on a document, why should 12 Unionists prevent its even being put to the people of the Province?

Perhaps we should call it the East Lothian question, for it was first put to the PM days ago by Labour's John Home Robertson (E Lothian), without answer. Yesterday Peter Bottomley (C, Eltham) trod carefully, asking Patrick Mayhew whether "extreme and fearful Unionism" was not actually damaging the fight against terrorism? He didn't quite ask the East Lothian question. Sir Patrick didn't quite answer it. Labour's Roger Stott (Wigan) didn't *quite* ask it either. Shouldn't the people of Northern Ireland, he asked, "expect and demand" better of their MPs?

Finally, Alan Beith, for the Liberal Democrats, shied just short of the East Lothian question: were Unionist MPs not denying their constituents the chance to express their own views on the document, he asked? Michael Ancram, the minister, avoided answer.

For their part the Unionists — with cries of "deceived and betrayed" (Roy Beggs, Antrim E) and "peace process charade" (Ken Maginnis, Fermanagh & S Tyrone) — implied that their divorce from this Government was complete.

They will have drawn little comfort from Dennis Skinner's declaration that the next one would have to sort them out.

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'They gave them a bloody nose, put one over the IRA and deeply embarrassed the Government'

Far-Right football thugs engineered riot over Ulster

BY ANDREW PIERCE

FAR-RIGHT members of Combat 18, which has its origins on British soccer terraces, had been planning the Dublin riot for almost three months as a protest against the Northern Ireland peace process.

Combat 18, whose members are recruited at football matches, is an offshoot of the British National Party and has long had links with Ulster paramilitaries. The 200-strong group, which is made up of cells attached to soccer clubs such as Chelsea, opposes Downing Street's approach to the IRA. Dublin, the scene of the Easter Rising against the British in 1916, was seen as the perfect showcase for a riot.

Planning was carried out in pubs and members' homes. Most of Combat 18 supporters are believed to have arrived separately in Ireland several days before the match. They descended on Dublin from other arrival points, such as Cork.

Police are trying to trace members of the Cheltenham Volunteer Force who left calling cards at the riot. The cards bore the flag of St George, the group's initials and the words "England Invasion of Dublin 1995. Ulster is British. No Surrender. God Save the Queen."

Cheltenham Town, a non-league club, is aware of the group's existence. Its members are thought regularly to attend Aston Villa matches in the Premier league. Paul Godfrey, who edits the club programme, said: "They are not Cheltenham Town supporters. They are a bunch of sad individuals from Cheltenham who occasionally turn up for big games." Deborah Griggs, the Mayor of Cheltenham, wrote to Dublin civic leaders disassociating the town from the group.

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Combat 18, according to right-wing supporters, decided to raise the temperature at the match by chanting anti-Irish and anti-IRA slogans. Their banners, depicting crossed axes with superimposed crosses, denoted their support for violence. A British National Party member said last night: "We all care passionately about Northern Ireland staying in the United Kingdom. We think John Major is selling out. Dublin was always going to be the obvious target for a violent demonstration.

"I can't believe the authorities could not see it coming. The organisers have achieved their aims. The Irish were given a bloody nose, they put one over the IRA, and deeply embarrassed the British Government."

Combat 18, which was formed as a splinter group of the BNP three years ago, had a dry run in Rotterdam in October 1993. It sent 50 members to provoke a riot in the aftermath of England's exit from the World Cup. They succeeded. Leading Members of Combat 18 known to the police were spotted in the crowd at Rotterdam.

Members have been visiting Loyalists and paramilitaries in Belfast since the summer to try to establish links. Last October an unnamed member of Combat 18 told Channel 4's *Dispatches* programme: "I have been over twice. We would be invited to social clubs for drinks and at the end of the night there would be a show of arms by our loyalist friends. They were paramilitaries." The ceasefire had been declared a month earlier.

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JAMES MORGAN

Brian Drew, head of the football intelligence unit, offered specially trained officers to the police in Dublin, but the offer was rejected

Gardai rejected British offer to identify thugs

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL, NICHOLAS WATT AND RICHARD FORD

EVEN before the match was announced, football authorities were alarmed that a small group of far-Right extremists, supportive of the wilder elements in Ulster loyalism, had infiltrated the football terraces.

As football intelligence officers listened at some matches to the chants of 'No Surrender to the IRA', they realised that the fixture at Lansdowne Road was seen by troublemakers as a grudge match at which they planned to stir up trouble and insult the Irish. The information they gathered was fed into the national football intelligence unit at Vauxhall, in south London, which was responsible for collating intelligence and passing it to the police in Dublin.

The unit was set up in 1990 as an anti-hooligan squad to eliminate violence from the national game and now operates as 'a specialist group within the National Criminal Intelligence Service. Its six officers and three civilian support staff maintain a database of intelligence on individuals known or suspected of football violence and offers this information to foreign forces when the English team and big clubs travel abroad.

In early January, Malcolm George, Assistant Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, in charge of the pre-match security operations in England, contacted the Irish police headquarters in Dublin to begin detailed planning

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for the fixture. During the weeks building up to the match, there were regular telephone conversations between members of the football intelligence unit and police in Dublin. The unit regularly supplied the Irish with security "packages".

Between 40 and 50 potential troublemakers — a number of them connected with the so-called Combat 18 splinter group of the British National Party — were identified by intelligence officers.

In the week before the match there was daily telephone or fax contact including a detailed "intelligence update" providing information on the flights and ferries on which groups such as the Spurs hooligans and Sunderland's "Seaburn Casuals" would travel, plus warnings that trouble was planned as soon as the British national anthem started.

Det Chief Insp Bryan Drew, head of the football intelligence unit, said: "In these circumstances we are reliant on the Irish police acting on the intelligence we give them. There were a number who were members of the BNP or sympathisers with them and that information was passed to the Irish police."

Specially trained "spotter" officers who regularly accompany football fans to identify troublemakers were offered to the Irish, but the Irish in Dublin turned them down, telling British police they could handle the situation themselves. The suspicion is that the authorities were unwilling to take the politically sensitive decision of allowing British police to work on the streets of Dublin.

A spokesman for the unit said: "We made no recommendations. We simply offered current intelligence. We were aware some of those travelling have right-wing sympathies. It was up to the match commander to decide how they were to police the match."

Despite rejecting British help, the police mounted their biggest football security operation with 600 officers in Dublin city centre, at the airpot and ferry terminals.

In the hours before the match the omens were not good. Two people were arrested after a stabbing outside a nightclub and between 20 and 30 hooligans roamed Dublin city centre, clashing with rival gangs.

Within five minutes of the teams emerging on to the pitch, the police's worst fears were fulfilled. English fans raised their arms in Nazi-style salutes, before howling abuse greeted both national anthems — the first time the British one had been played at a soccer match in Dublin for 31 years.

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Extreme mainland groups claim links with Northern Ireland Loyalist paramilitaries

Fan 'was in the wrong place at the wrong time'

BY TIM JONES AND NICHOLAS WATT

A COMPANY director from Hampshire was one of three England fans remanded in custody in Dublin yesterday after the violence at Lansdowne Road on Wednesday night.

Paul Kieser, 26, of Titchfield, Hampshire, was charged with committing a riot, using threatening and abusive language to put people in fear of their lives at the stadium, and causing criminal damage. He was remanded in custody until Monday. He was one of 14 fans appearing in court yesterday, one of whom was jailed for 15 days because he could not pay a £300 fine.

Mr Kieser told Judge Brian Fitzpatrick at Dublin District Court: "I can assure you I am a very responsible person. I run my own company."

Last night Mr Kieser's family and friends denied he had any involvement in football hooliganism. Charles Kieser, 60, said: "I just don't believe that my son could be involved in anything like this. He is not a yob, not my boy. It seems he was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. Paul would run a hundred miles from that kind of arrogant sneering lout."

He said his son had flown to Dublin from Gatwick on Wednesday morning and had planned today to see two clients he hoped would be able to help him in the fireproofing business he had just started.

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"The last thing he would have wished for or wanted is trouble. He is building up his own business and is working hard to establish the future."

Mr Kieser said his son despised extremists and had no association with any right-wing or Fascist organisations. "He hadn't planned to go to the match originally but as it fitted in with his business plans he rang me up to say he might as well go along."

He added: "I spoke to an officer in Dublin this morning and he said Paul wasn't involved in violence but couldn't say what he had done."

A neighbour, Debbie Adde, 26, who went to school with Paul Kieser, said: "He would never be involved in violence, let alone be a ringleader. He's a normal hard-working bloke who just loves football."

Another neighbour, Nikki Heatharn, 27, said: "I would never have thought he would have got involved in something like this. He's just not that type of bloke."

One fan who admitted hurling missiles from the stand at Lansdowne Road said last night that he would go to no more England football matches. Shaun Philpot, 24, from West Byfleet, Surrey, said he could not explain why he got involved.

"I just lost my head when it all started and began throwing things along with everyone else. I am so ashamed. Our behaviour was deplorable and I regret my part."



Paul Kieser told the court he was "very responsible"

Police report forecasted trouble during anthems

THIS is the main part of the text of the police intelligence document sent to the Garda by the Football Intelligence Squad and leaked to Irish newspapers yesterdsay.

"Information has been received from English FA Travel Club that a group of England supporters who are known to the NCIS [National Criminal Intelligence Service] Football Unit, who are from the Sheffield area, will be travelling to Dublin from Manchester airport on flight number FR805 at 1320hrs on 15/2/95, returning 1200hrs 16/2/95 to Manchester airport.

One of these individuals, [name given] was deported with 245 others from Italy during the 1990 World Cup for his involvement in serious disorder in Rimini (he was not charged or convicted for any offence) and also from Holland in October 1993 at the World Cup qualifying match for involvement in disorder in Amsterdam prior to the match (again he was not charged or convicted of any offence). This group will be seated in Row 13, seats 22 to 34.

The main Spurs target hooligan group will be flying from Stansted Airport on Tuesday on flight number FR211, departing 1545hrs arriving Dublin 1630hrs ... The Sunderland main hooligan targets (the Seaburn Casuals) will be travelling in numbers on the

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0330hrs ferry from Holyhead to Dublin on 15/2/95. There is information this group will travel with groups from Carlisle and Middlesbrough.

The Everton and Liverpool main target hooligans, who are mainly thieves, and who will use forged or stolen cheque and bank cards and will also possibly be in possession of counterfeit currency, will be travelling from Holyhead to Dublin (details later).

Oxford main target hooligans will be travelling in numbers (details to follow).

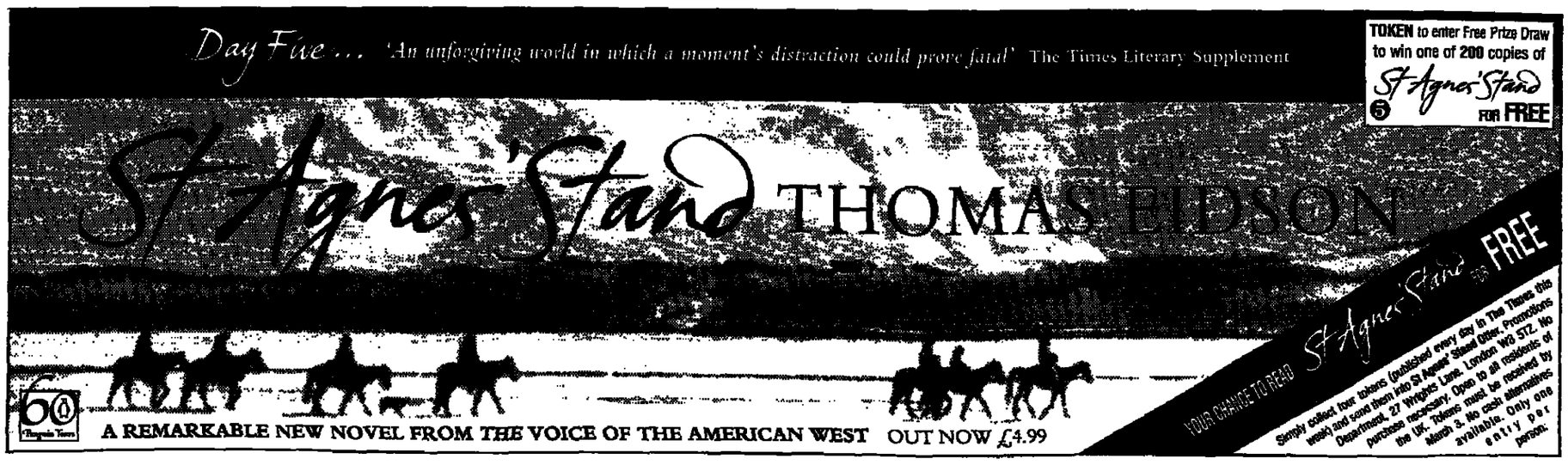
Leeds main target hooligans will be flying from Manchester Airport on 14/2/95 on flight FR803, departing at 1000hrs ... Interest has been expressed by a large number of northern based supporters from Wigan, Bolton and Oldham. Oldham supporters recently caused serious problems at Leeds in the FA Cup and problems are anticipated if this Leeds-Oldham group travel together. This situation will be monitored by Greater Manchester Police Football Intelligence Officers.

Leicester City main target hooligans will be flying from East Midlands airport on 13/2/95. Manchester United main target including a number of the Cockney Reds will be travelling to Ireland. Information has been received that Hull City main target hooligans will be travelling to Ireland.

Intelligence suggests that the playing of the English national anthem prior to the match will be the signal for some sort of activity/disorder within the stadium. This will be the first occasion for some time that both the Irish and English national anthems have been played together prior to a major sporting event in Dublin. Further information will be forwarded.

All airports mentioned above will be covered by Football Intelligence Officers who will work with Special Branch and forward intelligence to the NCIS Football Unit. This will be forwarded to the Garda Siochana in Dublin on a regular basis.

An operation involving officers from a number of forces including North Wales Police, British Transport Police and the NCIS Football Unit, has been set up at Holyhead to monitor the movement of football supporters at the port between 14/2/95 and 16/2/95."



Zoo worker whose neck was broken wanted to leave his job and start a family

Tiger that killed keeper 'may have had faulty genes'

By Dominic Kennedy

A TIGER that killed its keeper was the descendant of one that killed two men at the same zoo, an inquest was told yesterday. John Aspinall, the millionaire owner of Howletts wild animal park near Canterbury, said the death of Trevor Smith, 31, could be the result of "bad blood".

Mr Smith, of Goodnestone, Kent, died instantly when he was bitten by Balkash, one of about only 120 Siberian tigers in the world, while cleaning the animal's enclosure in November 1994.

Mr Smith's widow Deborah, 22, is considering suing the wildlife park, which tries to bridge the gap between man and other mammals. Unlike other zoos, keepers at Howletts are allowed, if they volunteer, to enter the enclosures to play with the big cats.

In 1980, two keepers were killed within a month by Zaya, Balkash's great grandmother. The head keeper died when he went alone into the cage where the tigress had been nursing its cub, and another keeper was killed when Zaya leapt over a fence and savaged him as he cleaned a cage containing the cub.

Mr Aspinall, who shot Zaya 15 years ago, told yesterday's inquest in Canterbury: "There may be a faulty gene, an abnormal gene which has crisscrossed on to him so that he had a mean streak in his genotype which surfaces. I'm not going to let anybody go back in with any descendant of Zaya." He said humans had learnt that inherited characteristics could come out eight generations later.

Mrs Smith said her husband had wanted to leave his dangerous job so they could start a family and was considering returning to his previous work as a postman.

Mr Smith volunteered to clean the closure containing Balkash, a male tiger aged 2½ and Zamsan, a tigress, on a Sunday afternoon because his boss Nick Marx, the head carnivore keeper, had received a call from a farmer to put down a dying horse which could be fed to exhibits at the park. Mr Marx told the inquest it was possible the tigers could have been upset by the change in routine when Mr Smith replaced him.

Balkash and Zamsan had not eaten for three days and were due to be fed later that day. Roger Brown, a visitor to the park, told the inquest that the two tigers appeared friendly when Mr Smith entered their enclosure. They nuzzled the keeper and he tickled their ears. "When Trevor Smith was fondling the tigers I thought I could hear them purr," Mr Brown said.

The tigers then appeared to become more animated, moving faster and getting more excited. Balkash, who weighs between 400lb and 500lb, suddenly drew up on its rear legs and put its front paws on Mr Smith's shoulders, facing the keeper. Mr Smith fell and Balkash ran across the enclosure, holding the keeper's dead body in its mouth.

Dr Ian Ilesley, a pathologist, said Mr Smith died instantly from a fractured skull and fractured neckbone.

Mr Brown's wife Margaret said: "They were very switched on to his [the keeper's] presence. They went straight over to him. The animals did seem very pushy at a certain point. I seem to remember Trevor Smith starting to realise that they were serious. This wasn't just play."

She recognised the mood from her own experience with domestic pets: "If you are about to feed cats and you put their food above their head and they are milling around your leg, that's sort of tension — but with tigers it's more so. They were really interested in Trevor."

Mr Marx, at his home in the grounds, heard Mr Smith shouting at Balkash and grabbed a garden spade to run and help. He had to hit Balkash so hard to make it drop Mr Smith's body that the tool snapped.

Since Mr Smith's death, keepers have been forbidden by Mr Aspinall from entering the enclosures, but he hopes to lift this prohibition after the inquest. "I can't promise that there won't be another accident — how can I?" he told the inquest. "But we will try to reduce the odds. We will keep the ethos and spirit of the place at the same time.

"We don't want to abandon that. We don't want another boring zoo where the keepers just become jailers and functionaries rather than companions."

Other zoos, such as London, already ban their staff from joining dangerous animals in their cages, but Howletts, which breeds endangered species, has pursued its philosophy of bridging the gap between species for 37 years.

Mr Aspinall dismissed the idea that Balkash bit Mr Smith because it was hungry. "I have been to tigers' enclosures, animals that haven't been fed for eight days," he said. "They are rather nimble and active but they don't change. They're friends, other tigers that they know and humans that they know are not on the menu."

Mr Aspinall said: "We try to reduce the gap between us and the higher mammals. There has been an enormous gap in the past, in the history of the world, there has been a vast gap between them and us.

"We live in a dangerous world. Everyone gambles with their lives all the time. Going in with tigers is not as risky as it seems. If you go to a football match you gamble."

He himself had been alone with tigers many times over the years, although now he was getting older and weaker he preferred to have his head keeper with him.

Mr Aspinall's daughter-in-law Louise needed stitches in her head two years ago after being attacked by Zamsan.

Mr Marx was asked by the coroner whether Balkash had become less reliable "having tasted human blood". Mr Marx replied that the tiger had not changed since Mr Smith's death. "He comes up and talks to me at the fence," Mr Marx said. He added that he had had no qualms about allowing Mr Smith to take his place cleaning the tigers' enclosure. "Obviously a stranger couldn't go in and do my job with the tigers," he said. "Perhaps the tiger would behave in a friendly fashion, perhaps he would kill him. Trevor wasn't a stranger. He was proud to go in with the tigers."

Mr Smith, who had been employed at Howletts since 1988, had known Balkash and Zamsan since they were cubs. "The animals liked him," he said. He believed the tigers were disadvantaged by being denied close human contact since Mr Smith's death. "Their life just can't be as full," he said.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death on Mr Smith after ten minutes' deliberation. The coroner said: "It is tragic that someone who so obviously enjoyed his job should have met his death by a tragic accident."



Aspinall: wants to lift ban on entering cages



Marx: tigers may have been upset at change



Balkash, the descendant of a tigress that killed two keepers within a month, attacked Trevor Smith last year

Film star fan shot dead on trip to see idol

By Richard Duce

A FAN of Arnold Schwarzenegger who cashed a social security cheque to fly to America to see his screen idol was shot dead while trying to burgle a house in Los Angeles.

The householder fired at Reginald John six times with a handgun, then chased him into the street before killing him with a final shot to the head, an inquest in Windsor was told yesterday.

Mr John's killer, Samuel Hatcher, escaped prosecution because he was defending his property. Robert Wilson, the East Berkshire coroner, recorded a verdict of unjustifiable homicide.

Mr Wilson said: "Whether it is lawful to shoot someone breaking into your house is one thing. Whether it is lawful to follow them and shoot them full of bullets is another. Certainly, in this country, to follow someone down the street and shoot them is not lawful at all."

The inquest was told that Mr John, 30, who was receiving medication for schizophrenia, had been found a council flat in Slough and had been sent £500 to buy himself a cooker. In a statement, WPC Bettina Drake said Mr John had used the money to buy an airline ticket to Los Angeles.

"He wanted to go and meet his idol Arnold Schwarzenegger. He had Mr Schwarzenegger's fan club address in his diary," she said.

On March 2 last year Mr Hatcher, who is married with two children, found Mr John and an accomplice inside his house on a suburban street in Los Angeles.

Mr Wilson read out a report from the Los Angeles Police Department in which Mr Hatcher claimed he "could see as clear as day" that Mr John had what appeared to be .22 handgun and saw him pull the trigger but the gun did not go off. He had fired at Mr John repeatedly with his .44 Smith and Wesson semi-automatic.

Rape case PC tells of nights with colleague

By Richard Duce

A POLICE officer accused of raping a colleague told the Old Bailey yesterday of illicit kissing and cuddling sessions with her during the two nights before the alleged attack.

Michael Seears, 25, said that both he and the WPC were attracted to each other but their relationship had stopped short of intercourse because she was going out with his best friend. All three were police officers in Surrey. The prosecution alleges that Mr Seears forced himself on the woman after a new year's party while her boyfriend was on duty.

However, PC Sears, now suspended from duty after the rape allegation, which he denies, said the claim was "complete fabrication".

He said that he and the woman, also 25, had kissed and cuddled on the two nights but each time had decided it should go no further. PC Seears claimed that the woman went with him to his room after he had left the "joffs and tarts" party and that they kissed on his bed.

He admitted that he had given the woman love bites but denied being forceful enough to leave bruises on her breast and arms, which were noticed the next day by her boyfriend. He denied there had been full intercourse.

The court has been told that the woman did not make the rape accusation against the officer until three months after the alleged attack.

The case continues.

Life for employee who murdered over job rota

By Kathryn Knight

A KILLER who shot his former employer in front of his wife and four-year-old son after a row about work rotas was jailed for life yesterday.

Colin Middleton, 41, of Bartley Green, Birmingham, was convicted by a jury at Birmingham Crown Court of murdering Terry Maidens. Mr Maiden's wife, Katherine, 27, broke down in tears and there were shouts and cheers in the public gallery.

Middleton, who denied murder, used a sawn-off double-barrelled shotgun to shoot Mr Maidens, a father of three, at close range as he watched television at home with his family. He died on the living room floor as his son hid behind a chair.

Timothy Raggatt, QC, for the prosecution, said it was a case of cold-blooded murder. "It was a completely ruthless killing, a wholly premeditated killing and carefully planned."

The jury heard that Mr Maidens was killed after his wife opened the door to a man with "smiling, laughing eyes" whom she thought was delivering pizza. He pushed past her into the living room where Mr Maidens, a production manager, was watching *Coronation Street* with his four-year-old son on his lap, and fired twice at point-blank range. He then fled on a motorcycle.

The court was told that Middleton had resented changes to his work rota at Linpac Mouldings, a tool manufacturers in Witton, Birmingham, and had vowed revenge after walking out of his job. He allegedly told a colleague: "I have got a gun and I am not frightened of using it."

Middleton maintained that he had taken the gun to shoot the hinges off the front door of Mr Maidens's home in Nuneaton and had intended merely to punch him. He said he had tripped and his shotgun went off accidentally.

Middleton was angry, the court was told, after being reprimanded for allegedly kicking a door at the factory where they worked. He was moved from the night-shift to day work after claims that he intimidated other staff and refused to carry out instructions from senior personnel.

When he was challenged about the door-kicking incident, three months before the killing, he stormed out of the factory and never returned.

Middleton, who had been issued with a firearms certificate by West Midlands Police, was said to be a loner who had a keen interest in guns. After the shooting he fled to Scotland where he was tracked down and arrested. Police found two sawn-off shotguns in his possession.

David Crigman, QC, for the defence, said Middleton had realised "the enormity of the misery" he had caused. However, Mr Justice Latham, passing sentence, said: "The evidence I have heard makes it plain to me that there will be a need for considerable care to be taken in assessing you over the next few years to establish the extent for which you need help."

In a statement read outside the court, Mrs Maidens, supported by her parents and close to tears, said: "Nobody is able to bring back my husband or my children's father. But at least justice as far as our judicial system allows has been done. There are a number of people who, in addition to me, have had to live with the aftermath of this cold-blooded murder."



Katherine Maidens: tears as killer was sentenced



Terry Maidens: shot as he watched television

Errant knight plagued female drivers

A DRIVER so enjoyed playing the knight in shining armour to female motorists that he prowled the roads looking for women to "help", a court heard yesterday.

Tom Hogarth, 38, got such a thrill from helping one motorist in difficulty that he went on to pull over seven other women on lonely country roads. After pointing out minor or non-existent faults with their cars he would drive away. Hogarth, of Hexham, Northumberland, admitted two charges of causing harassment, alarm or distress and asked for five other offences to be taken into consideration.

The unemployed roofer, who lives with his girlfriend, stopped his first victim on the A1 near Alnwick, Northumberland. She pulled into a layby after he flashed his headlights. He told her that her exhaust was on fire and then sped off. Frances Lennox, for the prosecution, told Alnwick magistrates: "This has left her with a feeling of nervousness about travelling alone."

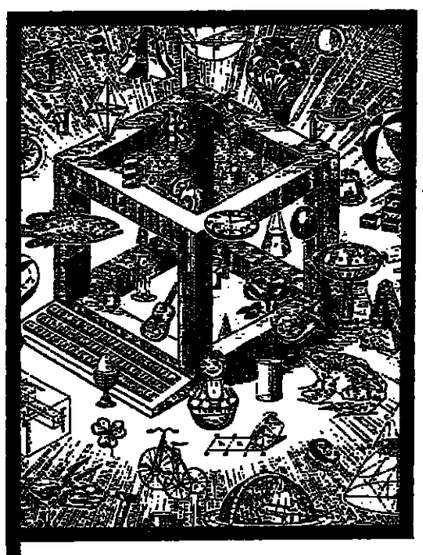
Hogarth tried to flag down the next woman by waving his mobile phone at her on the A1 at Stannington, Northumberland. He pursued her for ten miles and walked up to her car when she stopped at traffic lights in Newcastle upon Tyne. She screamed for help but he tried to explain he meant no harm, the court was told.

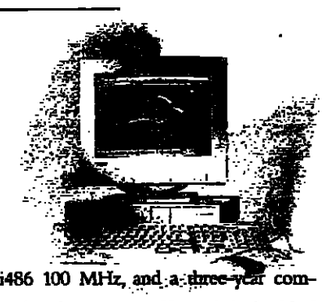
Jonathan Dunkley, for the defence, said Hogarth's peculiar behaviour began last summer after he helped a woman driver whose rear wheel was loose. "On that occasion he enjoyed being a Good Samaritan and helping a lady in distress. Unfortunately he wanted to repeat the same experience because he got such a buzz out of helping her that way. What he was doing was manufacturing a situation where he could be seen as a knight in shining armour.

"The last thing on his mind was to upset or unnerve anybody. It is a really sad and pathetic way for an intelligent 38-year-old man to behave."

Sentencing was adjourned for the preparation of social and psychiatric reports.

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The Rt Hon Stephen Dorrell MP
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Department of National Heritage
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Dear Secretary of State,

It has been a week of Good News and Bad News for British viewers and cinema goers.

The Good News is that films backed by Channel 4 scooped 12 Oscar Nominations, the same number as the combined Hollywood might of 20th Century Fox, Warner Bros and Universal Studios could manage.

I know that you will want to join us in congratulating all the talent involved in these successful British ventures.

The Bad News this week is that Channel 4 was forced to pay a £57 million subsidy to the shareholders of ITV (Oscar Nominations: Nil).

When is the Government going to take action and give the public the extra British films and television programmes they are paying for?

Yours,

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Teacher sacked for explicit sex lesson wins £16,000 award

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A BIOLOGY teacher sacked by a Jewish comprehensive school after parents complained that his sex education lessons were too explicit was unfairly dismissed, an industrial tribunal ruled yesterday.

Vincent Pedley, who fought a 20-month legal battle to clear his name, said after the hearing that teachers risked being dragged through the courts for "every sentence, half sentence and word" they uttered in sex education classes.

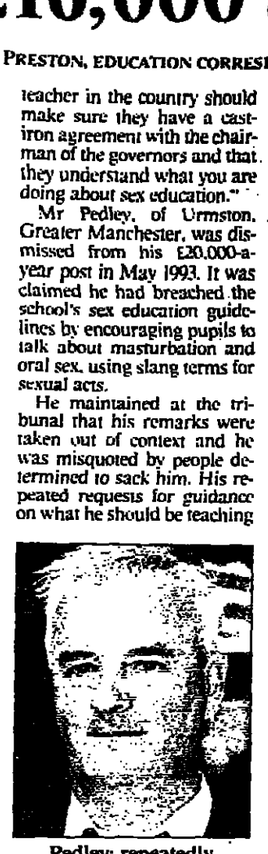
Mr Pedley, 50, was awarded the maximum £16,000 compensation after the tribunal ruled by a two-to-one majority that governors at King David High School, Manchester, were wrong to sack him after complaints from parents of pupils aged 15 and 16.

The case further highlights the difficulties facing teachers over the content of sex education lessons. In August, an inquiry vindicated a school nurse who was denounced by ministers after parents complained that she had taught children as young as ten about oral sex. It commended the "high motives" of Susan Brady, 44, in giving honest replies to children at Highfield Primary School in Leeds.

Mr Pedley said after the award was announced: "The lesson here is: teacher beware, it could happen to you. Every teacher in the country should make sure they have a cast-iron agreement with the chairman of the governors and that they understand what you are doing about sex education."

Mr Pedley, of Urmston, Greater Manchester, was dismissed from his £20,000-a-year post in May 1993. It was claimed he had breached the school's sex education guidelines by encouraging pupils to talk about masturbation and oral sex, using slang terms for sexual acts.

He maintained at the tribunal that his remarks were taken out of context and he was misquoted by people determined to sack him. His repeated requests for guidance on what he should be teaching were ignored by the school. The tribunal found that Mr Pedley did not contribute to his dismissal and ruled that the governors' failure to investigate fully the claims made by girl pupils was "unsatisfactory and unreasonable".



Pedley: repeatedly asked for guidance

After the tribunal, the teacher said he would give the same frank answers to questions from pupils again: "I know more about what the children understand than the governors do. You can't teach sex education without talking about sex. But they should have told me what they wanted. I would like to go back to teaching but it is not going to be easy to find a job. I am pleased I have got the maximum award, which shows I was totally justified."

Peter Bentley, regional officer of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "The case clearly spells out lessons for teachers – that is, don't rely on your employers to ensure that what you are teaching is in accordance with their wishes.

"Vincent made special efforts to check the content of his sex education lessons was in accordance with the Jewish ethos but that wasn't enough. Although he has won the tribunal he is left without a job."



Frank Keegan, Kevin's grandfather, was a pit inspector who led many to safety



Kevin: personal memory

Victims of pit blast honoured by Keegan

KEVIN KEEGAN, the football manager and former England captain, unveiled a memorial yesterday to 168 miners who died in a pit disaster at West Stanley Burns Colliery, Co Durham, in 1909.

Keegan's grandfather Frank, a mine inspector, was among those who helped to rescue injured colleagues after an explosion collapsed the main shaft. The Newcastle United manager said: "It has taken the best part of 85 years for someone to put something there as a memorial. No one has ever forgotten what happened. It should be remembered for the sake of those who didn't come back."

Hundreds gathered at the pithead after the blast, on February 16, to find out the fate of men trapped two miles underground. There were only 36 survivors.

Charity steps in to save 'desperate' schools

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A CHARITY intervened yesterday to safeguard teachers' jobs at state schools in a village as protesters across the country trained their fire on ministers over threatened education cuts.

Benefactors tried to ease the financial squeeze on three state schools at Sawston, Cambridgshire, by donating £70,000 to help children with special educational needs. Huntingdon's Charity, a trust founded in the 16th century to help the village, made the gift with proceeds of land sold for housing development.

Sal Brinton, education spokesman for Liberal Democrats in Cambridgeshire, said: "I hope this shames the Government into doing something. It is clear education in Britain has now been reduced to the level of a Third World country relying on handouts."

Meanwhile, governors and campaigners in Derbyshire joined the growing revolt against the Government's refusal to help to fund this year's pay award for teachers. Conservatives councillors voted with their political rivals to make a special appeal to Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, amid widespread anger at a proposed £23.5 million cut in the county's education budget that threatens 400 teaching posts.

Dr Dick Jones, chairman of Huntingdon's Charity, said each school in Sawston would receive £7,700 a year for the next three years. "It is not something we would want to continue for ever but with more cutbacks this year things are just getting worse and worse for our local schools."

He said: "They are in a desperate situation. Reading standards in particular are just going down and down. It's an area of real need which will benefit local people."

Lin Whyte, head of Icknield Primary School, said: "We are delighted and very grateful to the charity. Money is extremely tight and we have had real budget problems." John Paxton Junior School and John Falkner Infant School also welcomed the gift.

BR charges travellers the wrong type of fare

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of passengers have been charged the wrong fare after a mix-up over the introduction of new ticket prices.

British Rail has apologised and offered a refund to any who can prove that they were overcharged. Passengers who paid less than the correct fare will have their tickets honoured.

The new BR fares came into effect on February 5 but prices for at least 140 journeys, mainly to and from stations in East Anglia, were printed incorrectly in the new tariff manual.

One of the stations worst affected is Huntingdon, whose MP is John Major, a former patron of the Huntingdon rail users' association. The standard return fare from Huntingdon to London Underground's Zone One area is listed as £29.60 but should be £31.50. Commuters who bought season tickets after February 5 and before today will be the biggest beneficiaries of the confusion, saving £380.

Police chief attacks 'bankrupt' government policy on crime

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR police officer condemned the Government's crime policies yesterday, saying £10 billion spent each year brought to book offenders for only one crime in five.

Chief Superintendent Caroline Nicholl, head of police in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, said there was too much emphasis on punishment and not enough on prevention. For four million out of the five million crimes reported each year, no offender was brought to justice, she said.

"It is not surprising many victims have lost faith in the criminal justice system. The police understand that the public feel crime is out of control," she said. "If the criminal justice system were a business, it would have gone bankrupt years ago."

Ms Nicholl was speaking in advance of a Channel 4 documentary, *High Interest – The Million Pound Burglars*, to be shown on Sunday. She teamed up with Channel 4 to examine the cost of crime, not only to police but the community as a whole. The programme shows how different approaches reduce crime and save money.

Focusing on burglaries and car crime in the Milton Keynes area, the programme shows how inexpensive crime-prevention methods radically reduces the level of offences. On a housing estate that saw the largest rise in burglaries, initial results of a crime-prevention scheme produced a 75 per cent fall in burglaries.

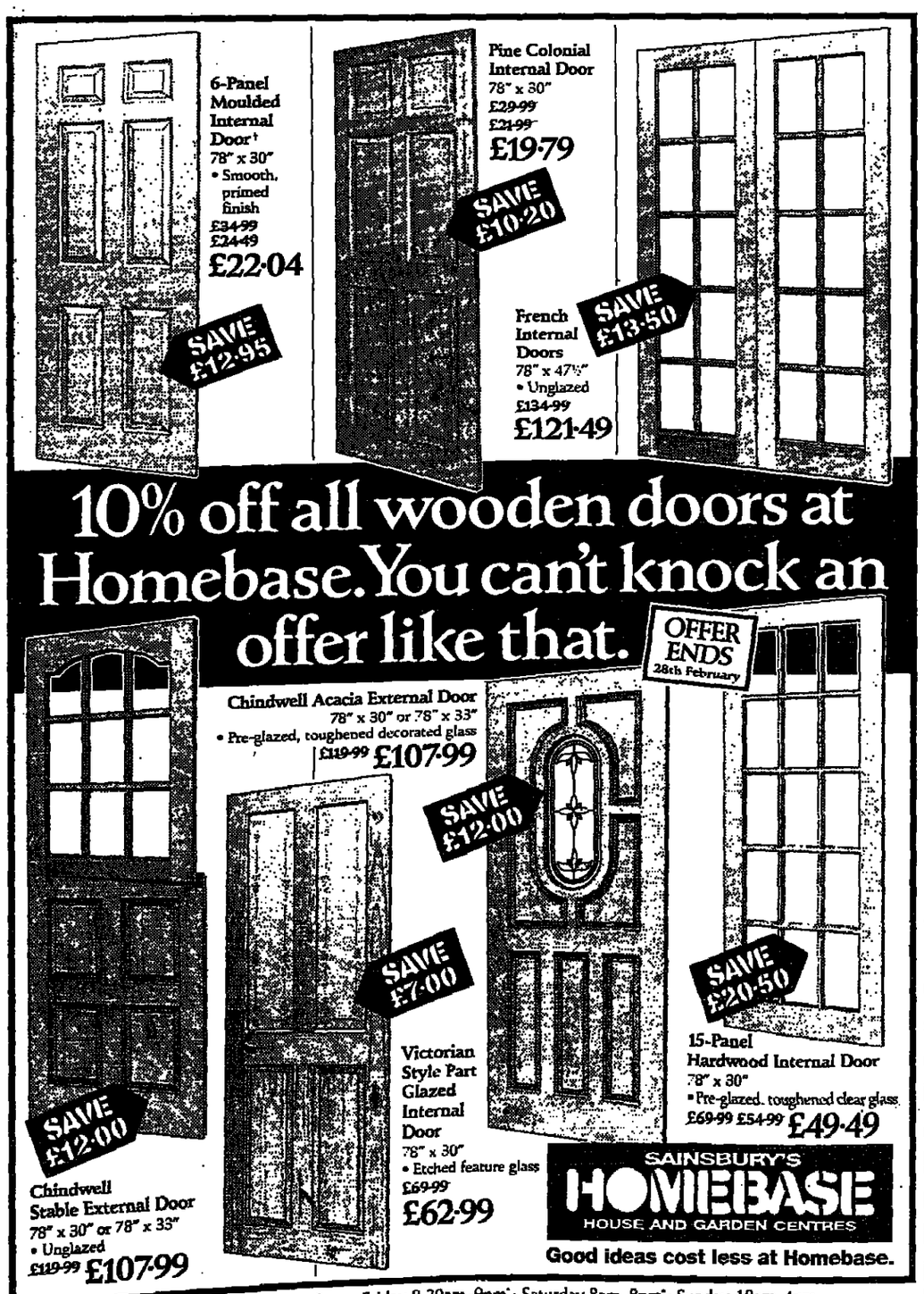
Acrobat made fatal error of judgment

AN ACROBAT fell to his death during a circus performance after an error of judgment, an inquest was told yesterday. Neville Campbell, 20, died after breaking his wrists on the "wheel of death", blacking out and falling head first 15ft to the ground at Blackpool Tower Circus.

His circus partner, Bryan Donaldson, from New Zealand, told the inquest at Blackpool: "The accident occurred purely as a result of an error of judgment by Neville, despite his vast experience."

The men were performing for a 600-strong Boxing Day audience. Both were doing tricks in steel cylinders revolving around an axle. "Neville lost his footing. It is imperative that the artiste maintains his position in the centre of the wheel but he was slightly too far forward," Mr Donaldson said. Trying to save himself he broke his wrists.

Dr Karen Carr, of Cheltenham, who had been watching the show, told the inquest: "My impression was that he was either unconscious when he fell or in the process of fainting." An accident verdict was returned on Mr Campbell, of Stoke-on-Trent.





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BY FRANCES GIBB
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SOLICITORS who took so long to prepare a will that the client died before it was ready must compensate the daughters who would have received bequests, the House of Lords ruled yesterday.

In a test case, the law lords upheld a Court of Appeal decision in favour of two sisters who claimed they each lost £9,000 in bequests because of the solicitor's negligence. Carol White and Pauline Heath of Birmingham had sued Philip Baker King & Co and one of its legal executives, John Jones, for damages.

The sisters fell out with their father, Arthur Barratt, 78, early in 1986. In March that year he made a will cutting them both out of his estate. By June they were reconciled and the next month he instructed his solicitors to draw up a new will to give his daughters £9,000 each.

By the time Mr Barratt died three months later, Mr Jones had missed three appointments to see him and the new will was no more than the subject of an internal memo.

Yesterday the law lords agreed by three to two with the appeal court that as intended beneficiaries the sisters were each entitled to recover £9,000 damages with interest.

Lord Goff of Chieveley said there would be injustice if the sisters were denied a remedy against the negligent lawyers. Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Nolan agreed.

Dismissing the solicitors' appeal, Lord Browne-Wilkinson said: "It would be unacceptable if, because of some technical rules of law, the wishes and expectations of testators and beneficiaries generally could be defeated by the negligent actions of solicitors without there being any redress."

By accepting instructions to draw up a will, a solicitor came into "a special relationship with those intended to benefit under it". As a consequence the law imposed a duty on the solicitor "to act with due expedition and care" on their behalf, he said.

The ruling will affect similar cases in the pipeline. But the Law Society yesterday said the impact would not be huge. Karen Aldred, head of property and commercial services, said: "We are pleased to have the law clarified. Solicitors are already urged in guidelines to deal with wills in a 'timely' manner. There are a number of similar cases which have arisen but we are not anticipating a large number."

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The romance by Pauline Harris, left, which has a plot similar to David Lodge's novel *Nice Work*, both of which were influenced by Elizabeth Gaskell's *North and South*

Mills & Boon author wins libel damages

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

AN AUTHOR of Mills & Boon romances has been awarded "substantial" libel damages over claims by David Lodge, the best-selling novelist, that she plagiarised one of his books.

The High Court was told that Pauline Harris had suffered "considerable distress and consequent depression" after the claims by David Lodge, honorary Professor of Modern English Literature at Birmingham University, were published in *The Independent* and the *Independent on Sunday* three years ago. In an article on plagiarism, he drew links between her 1991 novel *The Iron Master*, and his book *Nice Work*, published in 1988.

Professor Lodge's novel tells the story of a lecturer who falls for the head of an iron foundry; Mrs Harris's is about a teacher who falls for the manager of an iron foundry. Both authors agreed that the plots were similar; however, Mrs Harris insisted that she had not read any of Professor Lodge's books. Both claimed to have been influenced by Elizabeth Gaskell's *North and South*.

Mrs Harris, 56, who wrote 23 books under the pseudonyms Rachel Ford and Rebecca King, claimed that she was so traumatised by the accusation that she suffered writer's block. She sued, even though Professor Lodge had published a statement saying that she was "completely innocent of plagiarism and that the similarities between the two books were entirely coincidental".

Professor Lodge yesterday issued a statement saying: "There is nothing I wish to add to the open letter, entitled a correction, which was published at Mrs Harris's request in the *Independent on Sunday* on November 15, 1992, in lieu of a formal apology and retraction shortly after Newspaper Publishing plc and I admitted liability in this case. I am glad that the prolonged dispute over damages has at last been settled. I trust that, relieved of the stress of litigation, Mrs Harris will be able to resume her literary career and that both of us can now put this unhappy episode behind us."

However, John Blackwell, literary director of Secker and Warburg, Professor Lodge's publishers, said he was surprised that the matter had gone this far. "It was a perfectly amiable article that David wrote. There was nothing malicious in it. It was inviting a response."

Mrs Harris, a retired schoolteacher who lives in Hagley, Hereford and Worcester, said: "It's marvellous. I am very satisfied. It has been three terrible years. I was sacked by Mills & Boon who would not accept my innocence and treated me very badly. This allegation took my living away overnight. I haven't written another word since. I had never even read this other book and it is good to have my name finally cleared. Perhaps now I can get back to writing."

A spokeswoman for Mills & Boon, who refused to comment on yesterday's outcome, said: "We reached a settlement with her in 1993." One source suggested that the compensation awarded was dependent on the outcome of yesterday's hearing.

This is the latest chapter in a long-running saga of plagiarism accusations. Last month P.D. James was accused of basing her work *Original Sin* on *End of Chapter*, written nearly 40 years ago by Cecil Day Lewis, the former Poet Laureate, under the pseudonym Nicholas Blake. James confirmed that she had read the book about 25 years before, but denied that it had inspired her: "It was certainly not in my mind and as far as I know it was not in my subconscious mind." She did, however, acknowledge some "extraordinary coincidences".

Both *Original Sin* and *End of Chapter* are set in publishing houses near the Thames. Both open with a character being early for an appointment and both feature a best-selling author who has gone to seed.

In 1991, the science-fiction author Brian Aldiss referred to "a curious coincidence" that the plot of his 1964 novel *Greybeard*, about a world where the human race has become infertile, was similar to James's *Children of Men*. She insisted that she had never read that book.

Man gets £115,000 over KGB pimp story

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BUSINESSMAN based in Moscow who was branded a pimp and a blackmailer working "cap in hand with the KGB" by the *Sunday Mirror* was yesterday awarded £115,000 in libel damages.

The newspaper claimed in 1989 that Barry Jones, 53, had provided prostitutes for British businessmen as part of a KGB blackmail trap.

Jonathan Crystal, for Mr Jones, told the High Court in London that the allegations had wrecked his career as an international trade consultant and reduced him to a social pariah.

Mr Jones, now living in St Just, Cornwall, had claimed libel damages from Mirror Group Newspapers, the former *Sunday Mirror* Editor Eve Pollard and the journalist Steve Bailey.

The newspaper insisted the pimping claims were true and produced tapes on which Mr Jones was heard to say he had slept with more than 500 women while in Moscow.

Mr Justice Morland described Mr Jones as a persistent womaniser, a heavy drinker and teller of obscene stories. But the jury found he had been libelled. The defendants are to appeal.

☐ The family of the man who won nearly £18 million in the National Lottery has complained to the Press Complaints Commission about coverage in the *News of the World*.

Select few share most quango posts

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than half of people appointed to quangos hold at least one other similar post while 10 per cent hold four or more, according to a study to be published in May.

The research, which will be presented to the Nolan committee on standards in public life, shows that those appointed are overwhelmingly white males from the business community. A survey of 1,500 members of quangos found that three quarters of those appointed were male and 60 to 70 per cent were from the commercial sector. Over 98 per cent were white.

A draft of the report, produced by the Institute of Local Government Studies at Birmingham University, will be presented today to the Rowntree Trust, which funded the research. The researchers did not ask about the political affiliation of those appointed but the report will paint a picture of secrecy with the most basic information not always freely available. There is no register of the 40,000 or more appointments, making it impossible to discover who has the most posts.

Yesterday, addressing the Nolan committee, Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, denied there was a link between his company's donations to the Conservative Party and the appointment of senior Dixons executives to quangos. Lord Nolan said Dixons featured in a list of companies said to have more people on quangos than similar companies that did not make donations.

Mr Kalms said Dixons gave £25,000 a year to the party and he also made a personal donation. While it was true that he and his wife had been appointed to quangos, as had another senior executive and his wife, there was no connection with financial contributions.

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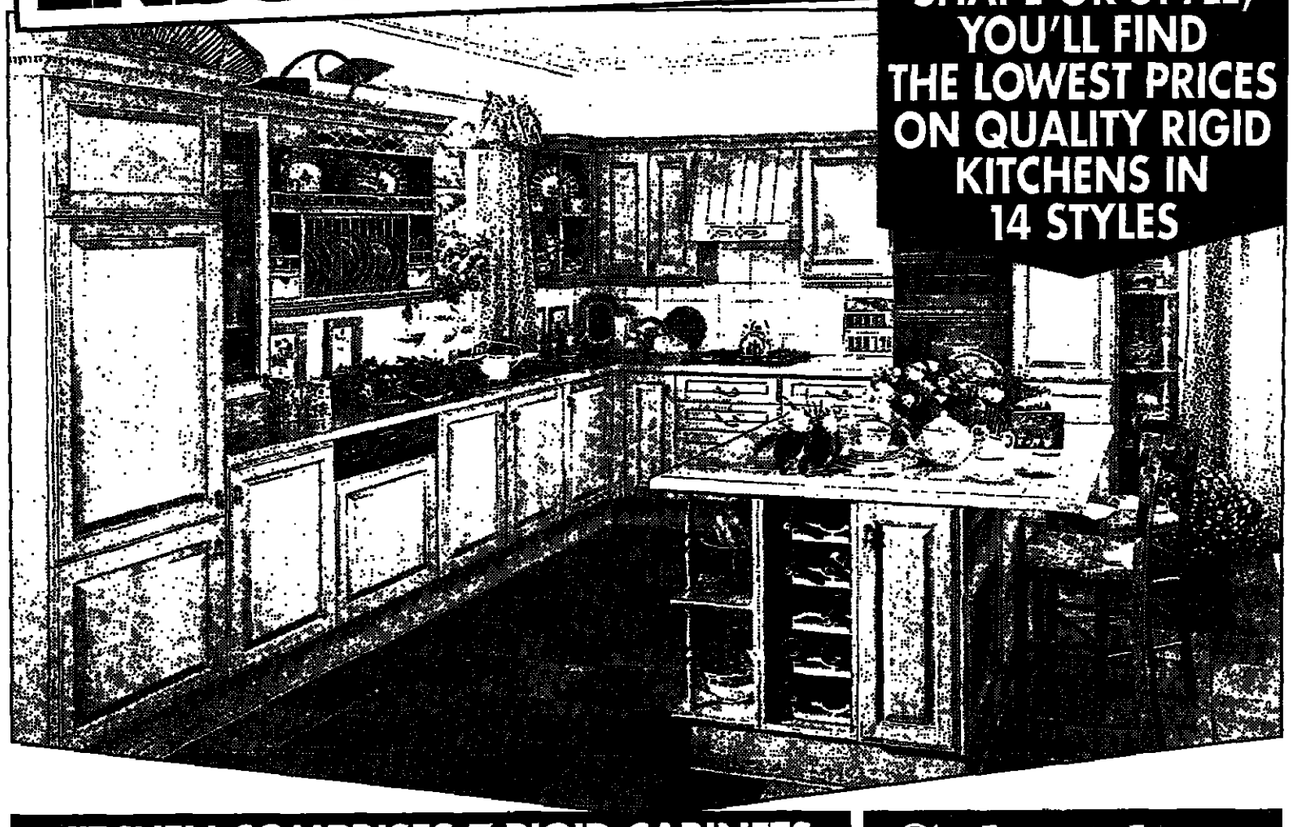


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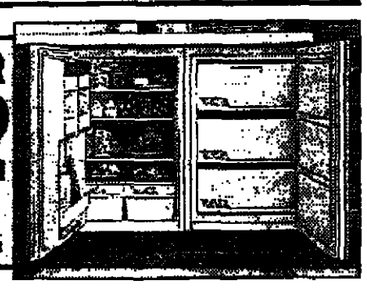
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White Horse may be 1,000 years older than thought

BY JOHN YOUNG AND NORMAN HAMMOND

BRITAIN'S oldest hill figure, the White Horse at Uffington, on the Oxfordshire Downs, is 1,000 years older than previously believed, it was claimed yesterday.

The suggestion that the 300 ft chalk carving dated back 3,000 years was made by members of the Oxford Archeological Unit. They had used a new technique, known as optical stimulated luminescence dating, which gives the approximate date of the last exposure to sunlight of buried soils. Samples taken from the horse indicate that it was carved in the late Bronze Age.

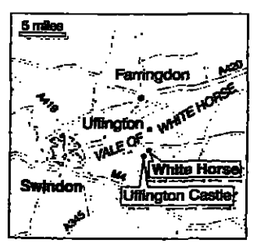
The Uffington horse, Britain's only authentically ancient horse figure, could not be dated by conventional archaeological techniques because there were no fragments of pottery or other artefacts in the soil. Its attribution to the last few centuries BC has rarely been questioned because of the close match between the style of the hillside carving and designs on coins and other metal work of the La Tène period. Some of Britain's earliest coins, issued in the last centuries before the Roman conquest, bore the same image of an equid.

Yesterday's announcement came after five years of excavations by the National Trust and English Heritage, which took control of the site in 1979. David Miles, the archeological unit's director, said yesterday that the body of the horse was not simply scoured into the chalk as had been thought. Instead, a trench had been cut and filled with chalk quarried from the hill above. The horse had grown marginally thinner over the centuries. "It has survived because it was regularly cleaned and repaired," he said.

The redating of the White Horse, if it proves to be correct, will deprive the Iron Age of one of its best-known images. The statistical error built into the optical dating method does, however, allow room for doubt. Professor Barry Cunliffe, a specialist in the Iron Age at Oxford University, said: "Taking the statistical error into account, the White Horse could still have been carved around 500-400 BC. That would put it a century or two earlier than the hitherto accepted date, but it doesn't make me especially unhappy."


MICHAEL POWELL

The Uffington horse, on the Oxfordshire Downs, was thought to date from the Iron Age because the design was repeated on coins of the period





New motor 'will cut cost of space trips'

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A NEW type of rocket motor has been successfully tested by engineers from Surrey University. The motor, a cross between a liquid-fuel and a solid-fuel rocket, has had several successful firings and may ultimately provide a low-cost alternative for altering the orbits of satellites.

Captain Jerry Sellers, of the US Air Force, who is doing a PhD at Surrey's Centre for Satellite Engineering Research, says that the motor has a solid fuel, polyethylene, and a liquid oxidiser, hydrogen peroxide.

The hydrogen peroxide is passed over a catalyst, which decomposes it into oxygen and steam at 600C, and then introduced into a combustion chamber where it oxidises the plastic fuel, generating temperatures of 2,500C.

The great advantage over a solid booster is that the hybrid engine can be turned on and off by controlling the fuel flow. "We are trying to make space more affordable," Captain Sellers said.

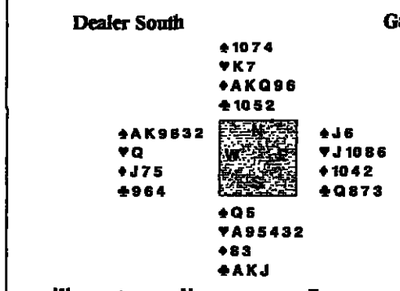
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Dealer South **Game all**



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1♠	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Redble
All pass			

Contract: Four Hearts Redoubled, by South. Opening lead: ♠A

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This deal comes from a Danish Juniors training session where the final double and redouble probably stemmed from macho psychology rather than from any belief about the eventual outcome of the contract.

The bidding may have left something to be desired but the same cannot be said about declarer's play. West led the ace and king of spades and switched to the nine of clubs. Declarer assumed a 4-1 trump break and, to have any chance of success, West's singleton had to be an honour, and even then declarer would have his work cut out. He had to cash his winners, score two ruffs in hand and end up with the lead in dummy.

Declarer cashed three rounds of clubs, played a diamond to dummy and ruffed his master spade as East discarded a club. He now played a diamond to dummy and ruffed a diamond. At this stage declarer had made seven tricks and, with four tricks to play, both South and East had only trumps left. Declarer played a heart to West's queen and dummy's king, and then a heart from dummy. If East had not split his honours declarer would have played the nine: when East in fact played the ten, declarer ducked. Now East was left on play to lead into declarer's tenace and thus couldn't make a second trump trick.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Final assault by Kamsky

The following game completes my publication of all Gata Kamsky's wins in his Fide semi-final match against Valery Salov.

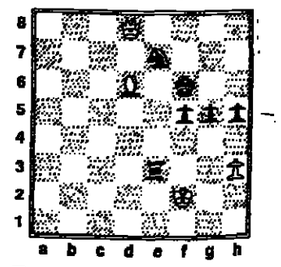
This was ultimately decided in Kamsky's favour by the score of 4 wins, 3 draws and no losses. Kamsky launches a fierce attack that nets the black queen for just a rook and two pawns but even in this desperate situation Salov put up fierce resistance, which brought him close to a draw.

White: Gata Kamsky
Black: Valery Salov
Fide Candidates, Sanghi Nagar, Game 1, February 1995

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	e6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	d6
6	f4	Be7
7	Bd3	Nc6
8	Nf3	a6
9	a3	b5
10	0-0	Bd7
11	b4	0-0
12	Bb2	a5
13	Nxb5	axb4
14	a4	d5
15	e5	Ne4
16	Kh1	Nc5
17	f5	exf5
18	Nfd4	Nxe5
19	Nd5	Ncxd3
20	cxd3	f6
21	Qe1	Bc8
22	Nbd4	Rf7
23	Qg3	Kh8
24	Rae1	Rxa4
25	Nxe7	Qxe7
26	Nc6	Nxc6
27	Rxe7	Nxe7
28	Qc7	Be6
29	Qc5	Bg4
30	h3	Bh5
31	Re1	Ng8
32	Qxd5	Bg6
33	Re8	h6
34	Rb8	Raa7
35	Qd8	Bh7
36	d4	Rab7
37	Rxb7	Rxb7
38	d5	Bf5
39	d6	b3
40	Qe8	Kh7
41	g4	Rd7
42	gxf5	Rxd6
43	Qe3	Ne7
44	Qxb3	Nd5
45	Qc2	Rd5
46	Bc3	Rc5
47	Qd3	Kg6
48	Kg1	Kf7
49	Bb4	Re5
50	Qc4+	Kg6
51	Bc3	Re3
52	Bd2	Re5
53	Bf4	Re7
54	Kf2	h5
55	Qd3	Re8
56	Kf3	Re6
57	Qb1	Ra6
58	Qg1+	Kf7
59	Ke4	Ra5
60	Qd1	Ne7
61	Qb3+	Rd5
62	Bd6	Kg6
63	Qe3	Kf7
64	Qb4	g5
65	Qc4	Kg6
66	Qc7	f5+
67	Kf3	Rd3+
68	Ke2	Re3+
69	Kf2	Kf6
70	Qd8	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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Hospitals appoint second-rate doctors 'to save on salaries'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITALS are hiring inexperienced doctors to cut costs in a move that threatens standards of care, an NHS manpower expert claims.

Many NHS trusts are employing "associate specialists" in place of new consultants. Also known as sub-consultants, they are mostly doctors who have become stuck on the career ladder and lack sufficient qualifications or ambition to reach consultant level. They carry out much of the same work for half the salary.

Consultant salaries start at £40,000 and can rise to £100,000 with a top merit award. Salaries for associate specialists start at £24,000 and rise to a maximum of £41,000.

Peter Robin, consultant ear, nose and throat surgeon in Birmingham and a member of the West Midlands Regional Manpower Executive, says in a letter to the *British Medical Journal* that many trusts have attempted to make savings but "illegal" appointments without staffing approval". Regional manpower executives are supposed to approve all new posts, but have been appointing staff grade doctors without permission. In the West Midlands, the regional task force discovered 74 unapproved senior house officers, 5 per cent of the total. "Most were simply used for unpopular tasks," Mr Robin said.

"The NHS has introduced the means whereby a potentially poorly trained body of medical staff can develop, and frustrate the goal of increasing the number of consultants to the level required to give a high service," he added.

☐ Private companies could take over the running of NHS hospitals under a change in the rules on the use of private capital. Since 1992, NHS trusts planning new buildings have had to seek finance from the private sector before approaching the Treasury but because of the higher costs of private capital the ruling had little effect.

Under a recent change, companies can run services associated with the new buildings and some are bidding to take over clinical work.

"It is this prospect that has transformed what at first seemed to be a policy of marginal interest into a programme that could, over time, fundamentally alter the NHS," Professor Chris Ham, head of the health management services centre at the University of Birmingham, says in a leading article in the *British Medical Journal*.

Schemes that include projects to build and run new hospitals are under discussion in London, Edinburgh, Norwich, Durham, Peterborough, Swindon, Coventry and Worcester. Professor Ham says that the policy is being driven by the Treasury, despite the opposition of health ministers, and is likely to cause controversy.

MAX NASH



Iris Stevenson, the choir mistress, gives the Prince a hug at St James's Palace

Ghetto choir sing for their friend the Prince

THE Prince of Wales was visibly moved yesterday as he listened to a gospel choir from Los Angeles in a personal royal command performance at St James's Palace.

The choir, from Crenshaw Elite High School in the deprived South Central district, sang, swaying and clapping, in the Queen Anne state room. As they sang a gospel version of *God Bless the Prince of Wales*, the Prince was close to tears. Iris Stevenson, the choir mistress, brushed aside protocol to give him a hug.

The Prince invited the 70-strong choir to sing for him after he learnt that they were coming to Europe. He had heard them in Los Angeles in November.

After the singing, as the choir were served tea and sticky buns, Miss Stevenson — the inspiration for the film *Sister Act* — said: "The kids think of the Prince as a friend. He's made a big impression."

One soloist, Leland Julian, 16, could barely contain his pride: "I will be able to tell my grandchildren that I have met royalty."

Top award for Times graphics



● Competing against nearly 2,800 entries from 16 countries, Geoffrey Sims, graphics editor of The Times, has been awarded two top prizes in the prestigious Malofiej Awards for his double-page Times Guide to the Channel Tunnel last summer.

Next week in The Times

● **Second Degree**, a 28-page guide to postgraduate course vacancies, is published with *The Times* on Monday. And next Thursday The Times will celebrate the 60th anniversary of **Penguin Books** with a 12-page supplement.

Eye cut out in 1844 sheds light on colour blindness

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

MORE than 150 years after the death of John Dalton, whose atomic theory is the basis of chemistry, scientists have established the cause of his colour blindness.

Dalton could not distinguish red from green. In 1794 the English chemist was the first to describe colour blindness, which became known as Daltonism. The word is still used in French, Spanish and Russian.

Scientists from London and Cambridge have examined DNA from fragments of Dalton's eye, preserved at his request by the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society, and have shown that he lacked the gene for making the green pigment in the retina.

Dalton, who lived from 1766 to 1844, gave instructions for his eyes to be examined after death. He had believed that the vitreous humour, the clear substance in the inner chamber of the eye, must in his case have been tinted blue, so that it absorbed red light.

But at the autopsy, no such blue tint was found. But from Dalton's descriptions of how he perceived light, historians had concluded that he must have lacked the pigment in the retina that is sensitive to red light. This is now shown to be wrong after work by a team led by Dr David Hunt of the Institute of Ophthalmology at London University and Dr John Mollon, an experimental psychologist from Cambridge University.

They took small samples from the eye not examined after Dalton's death and used a technique called polymerase chain reaction to multiply the amounts of the genetic material DNA in the sample.

They report in *Science* that the DNA lacks the genes necessary to produce the green-sensitive pigment. This means, Dr Mollon says, that Dalton suffered the commonest cause of colour blindness and not the rarer form long attributed to him. A re-examination of what Dalton reported he could see is consistent with this explanation, Dr Mollon says.

"We believe that this is the first time an hereditary disorder has been diagnosed at the molecular level in an historical figure by studying his DNA," Dr Mollon says. It was poignant that Dalton's atomic theory of matter "underlies the whole science of molecular genetics, which we used".

Dr Mollon expects that, as more genes are discovered, it may be possible to draw similar conclusions about the cognitive and emotional lives of the famous and the infamous. He and Dr Hunt have a name for the new discipline: molecular biography.

Dalton's Daltonism was no great handicap to him. He did not discover it until his 20s and once turned it to his advantage. A Quaker, he had resisted being presented to William IV because he refused to wear court dress. When he was given an honorary degree at Oxford in 1832, however, it was suggested that he should meet the king in the university's robes.

But they were scarlet, a colour that Quakers would not wear. Dalton announced that to him the robes appeared not scarlet but grey. He was duly presented to the king.



Dalton: first scientist to describe the condition

Chain stores cut the price of meat

BY SOWETO KINCH

VAT prices have been cut this week. Marks and Spencer have brought down Scottish fillet beef to £4.50 a lb. At Asda lean minced steak is £1.95 a 1lb. at Safeway pork loin chop is £2.08 a lb, and at Asda half a boned legs are £1.39 a lb. Tesco's 1lb's quarter cut leg of pork costs £3.34.

In the fish slab, Tesco's fresh salmon is good value at £2.99 a lb for a 4lb-6lb fish. Hurnton, the new British cheese, is widely available: 2 portions cost £1.09 and 3 packets are on sale at 20p. Safeway has cut the price of its rural cottage cheese, with a carton down from £1.57 to £1.

The best advertised buys include: **Asda:** loose courgettes, 49p a lb; Sicilian wine, £2.69 for 100cl.

Tesco: fresh whole chicken, 79p a oz, £3.99; 1lb frozen deep pan apple pie, 59p.

WEEKEND SHOPPING

Iceland: 2lb floret mixed vegetables, 99p; 1lb natural cottage cheese, £1.29.

Marks and Spencer: nectarines £1.44 a lb; Gran Calesa red wine, £4.49 for 75cl.

Safeway: 4 chicken breast fillets, £2.79 a lb; Hungarian Chardonnay white wine, £2.15 for 75cl.

Sainsbury: New Zealand frozen whole leg of lamb, 99p a lb; Champagne Blanc de Noirs, £9.95 for 75cl.

Somerfield: fresh breaded chicken with cheese and broccoli filling, £1.59 for 283g; Piper Heidsieck Champagne, £13.99 for 75cl.

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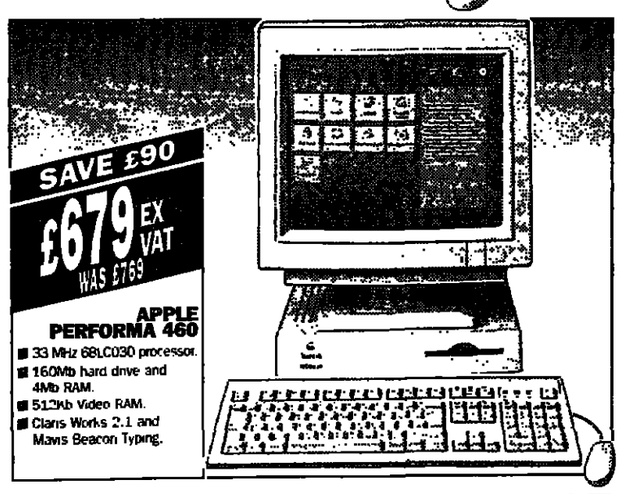
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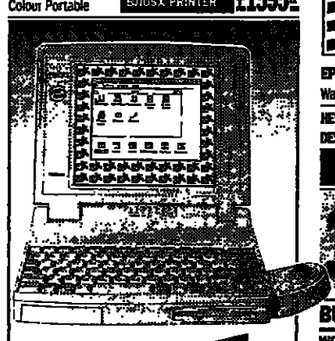
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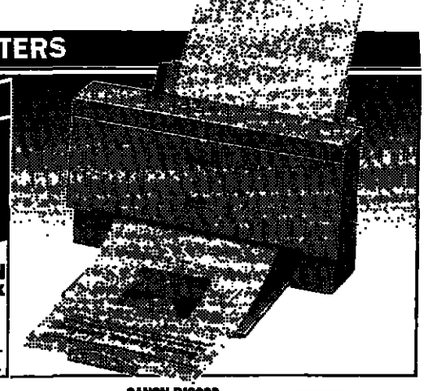
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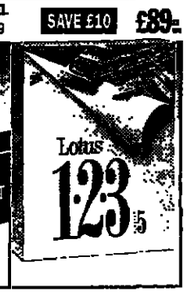


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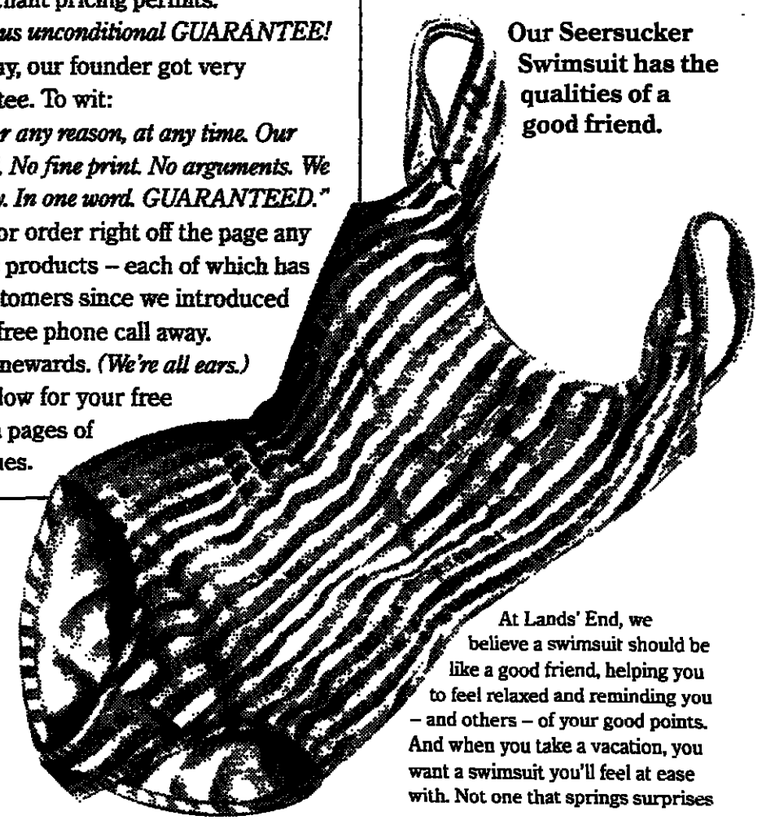
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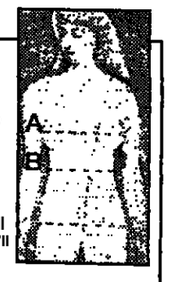
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Ministers promise to learn from Maastricht mistakes

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government will learn from the mistakes it made during the Maastricht treaty negotiations to avoid a damaging storm over next year's conference on Europe. MPs were told yesterday.

Ministers are conscious of the need to appease the Tory party's warring factions on Europe and are considering publishing its plans for the inter-governmental conference in a White Paper.

Yesterday MPs were promised that they will be consulted far more that they were over the Maastricht treaty, which was passed by Parliament only after John Major made the issue one of confidence in the Government.

David Davis, the European Affairs Minister, said: "One of the mistakes that the Prime Minister has recognised in the Maastricht process was to attempt to come back to the UK with a very complex outcome, not having talked about it, debated in, explained it in advance. We don't intend to repeat that mistake."

Mr Davis, speaking to the Commons European Legislation Select Committee, faced heavy cross-party pressure to specify the ways in which Parliament would be able to influence the Government's contribution to the IGC. MPs urged him to publish a White Paper before the Madrid Euro-summit in December, at which EU members' contributions to the IGC are expected to be considered.

Although Mr Davis said that no decision had been taken on whether to publish a White Paper, he pointed to the recent spate of ministerial speeches as indicative of the Government's determination to ensure that the central issues were debated. He insisted that Britain would take a "robust but constructive approach", calling for further co-operation on common foreign and security policy, home affairs and justice affairs.

Britain would also call for closer co-operation on defence, a fairer voting system, better budgetary discipline, a crackdown on fraud, an enhanced role for national Parliaments and further entrenchment of subsidiarity — leaving as many decisions as possible to national governments.

But the Government would oppose moves towards a more centralised or more intrusive Europe, any attempts to abolish the veto or to give the European Parliament a massive extension of its powers.

Mr Davis met hostility when he said it was too early to lay down precise plans for consultation. Bill Cash, one of the leading Tory Eurosceptics, said it was "quite astonishing" that MPs could not be given such information.

Mr Davis assured the committee that its members would have the right to send their views direct to the "reflection committee" to be chaired by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, which will draft Britain's tactics for the IGC. He also dismissed claims that a European Court ruling expected later this year would force Britain to open up its borders.

The resignation of Charles Wardle, a junior industry minister, refuelled the controversy over whether a declaration allowing Britain to maintain border controls. However, Mr Davis said: "The presumption is that we are going to lose the case in the European Court and that that case will bind us to change our controls. We are not presuming failure. We are going ahead on the presumption of success."

Mr Cash told him: "I find much of what you say rather Alice in Wonderland." Other European countries did not want the same things, and he gave a warning that the European Court was likely to overrule Britain on border controls.

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Labour unveils hi-tech ambition

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

CABLE television and telecommunications companies would have to link every school, library, GP's surgery and hospital in the country to their nationwide networks under a Labour government.

Chris Smith, the Shadow Heritage Secretary, said yesterday: "We cannot allow a society of information 'haves' and 'have-nots' to develop. A Labour government will want to ensure that the network reaches the whole of the country."

It would, however, be up to the users to ensure that they the hardware to plug into the network.

Mr Smith was speaking at the launch of Labour's Policy Forum on the Information Superhighway, which will produce a report for the party's annual conference in October.

Cabinet caught in a mess that no one can hide

The glum looks on the faces of Tory MPs at Prime Minister's questi said it all. The Governm is in an almighty mess ov single currency which no ount of manoeuvring by Jo Major can disguise. Ti times yesterday he had to destep questions from Ts Blair about Kenneth Cle's latest remark denyi at a single currency was "itself some threat to the na state". It was an uncon vig performance by Mr M though it is hard to ime what else he could h aid without aggravating thory split.

Major can deliver his he aster's rebuke to the C et "not to be drawn into spative debate", but the u formula agreed at yester- d meeting is a pretty thin fig. It does not cover either th mmitted sceptics or the p uropeans. Mr Major's rel to endorse his Chancel- lo's bound to raise ques- ti about their relations, h er much Downing S officials stress the close co ts between the two. T have been tensions be- tw them: they are very di nt personalities. But de- sp warnings from Lord T and expected later to from Norman Lamont, a the dangers of differ- e between a Prime Minis- te d a Chancellor, it is p ture to talk of a repeti- ti f the Thatcher-Lawson cis. Similarly, It is absurd to ard Mr Clarke as a tr maker upsetting party u as some sceptic right- w s claim. He is arguing th -European case just as N rtillo and the sceptics h ushed the other side.

Prime Minister's priori- t o keep the Cabinet and p gether until the gener- a ction by saying that B will not join a single c cy in 1996-97, then leav- in matter as an open q n. But his claim that th binet was "utterly uni- te hat the Government w "decide in the light of th umstances prevailing" is adicted by the outright o ion of Jonathan Aitken, Mel Portillo and the oth- er the sceptics, joining is not an open question. It is ruled out for ever.

But even in the unlikely event that all ministers do take a vow of silence over the next few months, the current line would not stand up during an election campaign. The Opposition parties would ask ministers, both pro and sceptic,

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whether they would join a single currency during the life of the following parliament. Would Mr Portillo and Mr Aitken really be willing to say they could envisage Britain joining a single currency in 1999? Mr Clarke and the pro-Europeans are determined not to rule out that option.

Promising a referendum on a single currency may be justified as a way of ensuring popular consent for such a large step, though its constitutional implications are too readily dismissed. But a referendum would not ensure unity. It would in part be an admission of failure: that the Cabinet could not reach agreement on a fundamental economic and political issue. As the Liberal Democrats' debate on Monday showed, there is a danger of regarding a referendum as a substitute for an agreed policy on Europe.

There are many traps ahead for Mr Major. Senior Tories are not going to be silent. Other European leaders may raise the issue, and probably will after the French elections. The parliamentary arithmetic remains uncertain for the Government. The nine rebels remain whipless, and the Ulster Unionists are rumbling loudly about next week's framework document.

Nineteen ninety-five was supposed to be the year when the Tories staged a recovery. They started the year strongly as Labour was temporarily in disarray over Clause Four and education. But the Opposition has recovered its balance, while the Tories have slid back into all their familiar troubles. Each time this happens, the risk of collapse increases.

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bour complains of rces pay unfairness

BY ALICE THOMSON AND JAMES LANDALE

SR officers in the armed fo are being granted big pa es at the expense of the lo anks, Labour claimed ye ay.

David Clark, Shadow D Secretary, told the Co ns that since 1979 an Ad 's pay had increased by per cent while an Able Se 's pay had fallen by 15 cent.

time when the full ext of expenditure for the re es of top brass has be posed it is simply un table that those in the lo anks have suffered so m under the Conserva- tiv Dr Clark said. "Our so and seamen are the best in the world and this has been seen time and again in places like Bosnia."

In a debate on the Royal Navy, Labour also said that since 1979 the number of navy personnel had been cut by 18,000 to a total of 54,000. The number of ratings had been cut by 25 per cent, but the number of officers had been by only 8.4 per cent. Derek Fatchett, a Labour defence spokesman, said: "It is those at the bottom which have taken the brunt."

The Ministry of Defence said last night: "Forces' pay is decided by the Armed Forces Pay Review Body, which is an independent organisation."

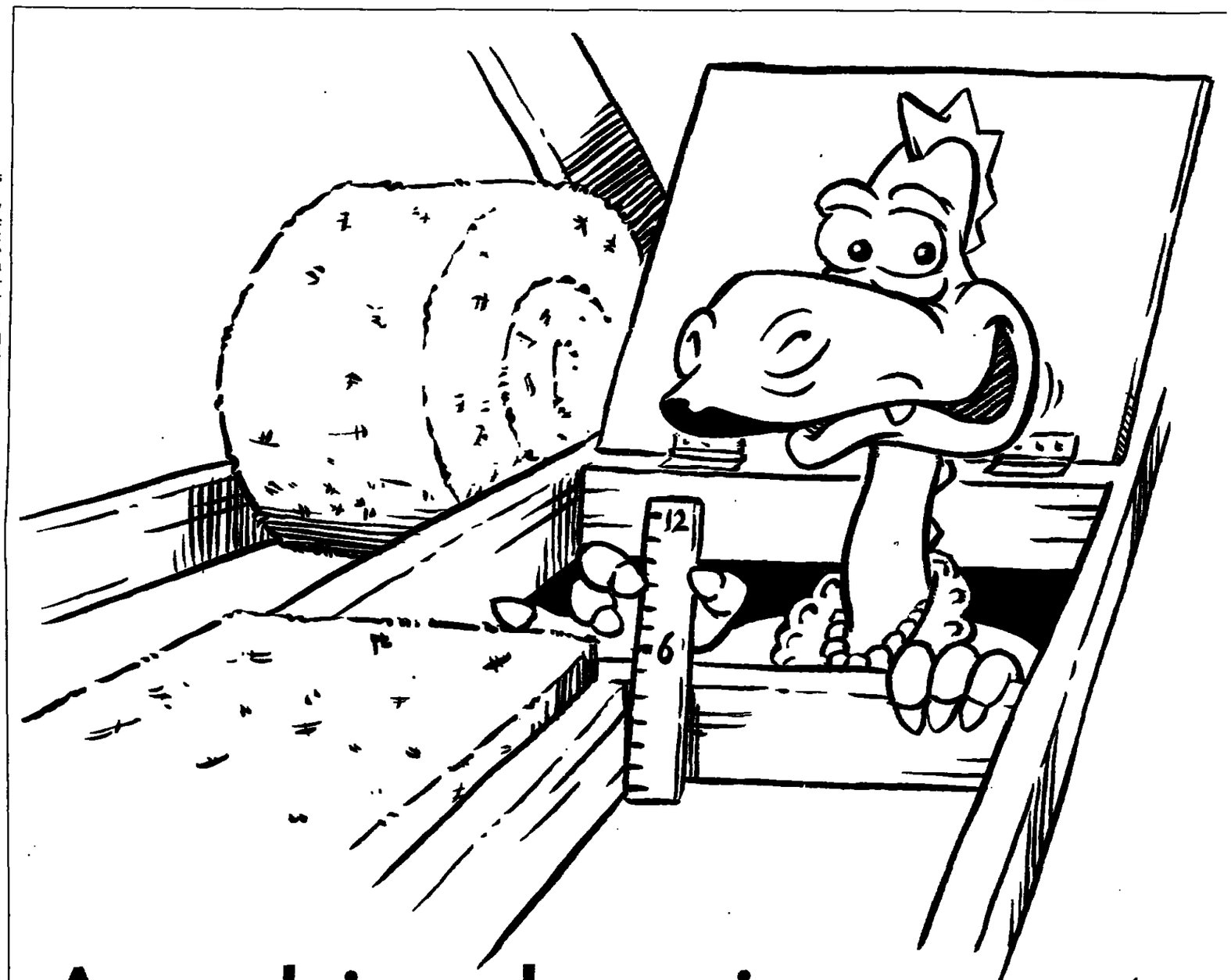
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In Lords, the Pensions Bill re committee stage and Lord Les Herne Hill (Lib Dem) opened a debate on sex equality in the armed forces.

TODAY: In the Commons, the Tobacco Products Labelling Bill and the Tobacco Smoking (Public Places) Bill will have second readings. The House of Lords is not sitting.

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Yeltsin pillories military chiefs for Chechenia setback

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin pledged yesterday to shake up the country's battered armed forces and push through economic reforms in an attempt to turn around Russia's shaky start to the new year.

In a wide-ranging State of the Nation address setting out his policy objectives for the coming year, the Russian leader admitted for the first time the shortcomings of his bloody campaign in Chechenia, but insisted that he retained the right to use force to preserve Russia's sovereignty.

Looking and sounding steady and confident during his one-hour speech to a joint session of parliament, President Yeltsin satisfied observers that he is physically up to his job. However, his long-awaited statement was short on details of how to save his ailing presidency and regain popular support in time for next year's elections.

His most hard-hitting remarks were reserved for the military, whose incompetent ten-week campaign in the Caucasus has succeeded in destroying Grozny, the Chechen capital, and killing thousands of people, but has still not defeated the stubborn separatist movement.

Addressing himself to Russian commanders, Mr Yeltsin said that "their failures and mistakes in command are a painful blow to patriotic and civic feelings", and he vowed that "in 1995 decisive measures must be taken to reorganise the armed forces". However, he was unrepentent about the assault against General Dzhokar Dudayev, the fugitive Chechen leader, whose regime he described as the "Grozny tumour". He said: "Abscesses like the Medellin cartel in Colombia, the "Golden Triangle" of Southeast Asia and the criminal dictatorship of Chechenia do not heal themselves."

Much of his speech was taken up with the economic crisis facing Russia, where rising inflation, a sharply devalued rouble and mounting costs of the war threaten to undermine the nation's delicate economic reform process.

President Yeltsin emphasised that he was committed to curbing inflation, strengthening the currency and making Russia a more attractive country for investment. However, he did not offer any specifics on how he planned to keep down spending and even promised further government financial assistance to the heavily subsidised agricultural sector and the military-industrial complex.

Although his pledge to reform the army and stick to a programme of economic liberalisation was aimed largely at his disaffected domestic audience, he was also attempting to allay fears in the West that Russia is distancing itself from democratic values. "With all contradictions of the transition period, Russia is adherent to the values of democracy," he said. "Europe will win if it decides to rely on Russia."

However, he warned Western Europe and America that they risked a new Cold War if they insisted on the "hasty expansion" of Nato to former Warsaw Pact countries in Eastern Europe. "This Continent has already generated two global military catastrophes, and we do not want Europe and the world to return to old or new division lines. By expanding Nato, the West is intending, it alleges, to defend East European countries from Moscow's so-called 'black designs'. I state with all responsibility: they do not exist."

Andrei Kozyrev, the Foreign Minister, said that Mr Yeltsin's remarks proved that he was capable of self-criticism. "I think hardly anyone could have added in more realistic, graphic terms to the criticism the President expressed in his address. The President showed once again that he is listening to criticisms expressed by both Russian and international public opinion."

However, opposition politicians were less impressed. Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, said that "there was not a single new word" in Mr Yeltsin's message. Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the leader of the ultra-nationalist Liberal Democratic Party was even more dismissive. "Everything will be forgotten this evening," he predicted.



Russian army musicians watch President Yeltsin's live address during a break in rehearsal. The President was critical of the military

European talks fail on Third World aid

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

TALKS intended to agree European Union aid to 70 Third World states over the rest of the decade broke down in Brussels yesterday after only an hour because of a wrangle between European governments.

Alain Juppé, France's Foreign Minister, who was to have presided over a two-day meeting of EU ministers and their African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) counterparts, cut short the proceeedings when the EU failed to agree on the size of the aid fund. EU ministerial meetings in March will now be used to patch up the dispute in the hope that a deal can be agreed before May.

The breakdown was the result of a meeting on Wednesday night when ministers from Britain, Germany, Italy and The Netherlands refused to agree their contributions for £9.4 billion of spending over five years.

Temba Masuku, Swaziland's Economy Minister and president of the ACP states, said that any reduction in aid would be "totally unacceptable." He said that increased aid was needed to bolster democratic reforms in the recipient countries.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, this week attacked "haphazard" and disjointed EU aid programmes and said that Britain would be altering the balance of its overseas aid policy to spend more on bilateral projects.

Shevardnadze warns West of nationalist armageddon

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE Georgian leader and former Soviet Foreign Minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, yesterday accused the West of being so intoxicated by the belief it had won the Cold War that it failed see that rampant nationalism posed "threats comparable to nuclear armageddon".

"Why was the West caught unprepared for this transformation of the world?" Mr Shevardnadze asked at a meeting in London chaired by Sir Geoffrey Howe, who was Foreign Secretary from 1983 to 1989 — the year the Berlin Wall fell. "With perestroika, the seeds of the forthcoming epochal changes were sown.

"The euphoria which followed what the West thought was its victory in the Cold War was intoxicating," Mr Shevardnadze said. He also chided the West for failing to invest enough in the emerging democracies: "Euphoria has proved stronger than common sense ... peace has to be paid for.

"Enormous sums of money were spent in ending the Cold War; no similar amounts are being put towards helping to build democracy," he said in a speech which was a curious mixture of pointed criticism, good humour and affability at the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

Mr Shevardnadze, who has met the Queen and John Major and visited the Stock Exchange during a three-day official visit to Britain, referred to "regimes with markedly Fascist tendencies" that had come to power after the collapse of the Soviet empire. "We do not have a triumph of Western democracy," he said.

Referring to the recent civil war in his own country, he said: "I have seen a baby skinned alive, the dead eyes of refugees on the mountains ... if such is the price of self-determination, the price is too high."

Mr Shevardnadze said he had predicted the demise of communism in the late 1970s while on holiday on the Black Sea coast with Mikhail Gorbachev, who then still had half a decade to wait before taking over as Soviet leader.

"I waited until we were outside, not in a building, and I told him the whole of it was rotten and that everything would be changed. I did see it was coming to an end, but it was fortunate that it happened precipitately and chaotically so it could not be managed and controlled.

"Gorbachev did not see the dissolution of the whole Soviet Union — I did see that because I represented a national minority," he said.

Mr Shevardnadze also lamented the present lack of idealism. "What has happened to humaneness, kindness and the readiness to fight evil ... Could it be we have lost the ability to look back in anger?" he said.

Asked about alleged human rights violations in Georgia, he said: "Yes, there have been violations by the police and various institutions." But developing a democratic police force did not happen overnight, and more than 300 police had been arrested on charges of rights abuses.

"Georgia has been engaged in civil war and disasters. We have begun developing the country from scratch, we really want to be a democratic country," he said.

Serb 'war criminal' to marry rock star

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE alleged Serbian war criminal Zeljko Raznjatovic, known as Arkan, is to marry Svetlana "Ceca" Velickovic, a folk-rock singing star.

The wedding on Sunday comes less than a week after the international war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague indicted 21 Serbs for alleged war crimes at the Omarska prison camp in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Although not named in the indictments, Arkan, 42, was commander of the paramilitary group known as the Tigers which is regarded as having been at the forefront of "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia. Lawrence Eagleburger, the former American Secretary of State, has called him a war criminal. Before the break-up of federal Yugoslavia, he was a key figure in the country's criminal fraternity and is reputed to have carried out state-sponsored assassinations abroad during the 1980s.



Arkan and Ceca at their wedding rehearsal yesterday

Arkan is wanted by Interpol for bank robberies and murder.

He will travel to Zitorada, the small village in southern Serbia where the 21-year-old Ceca was born, to take his bride back to Belgrade for the ceremony at an Orthodox church. In Serb folklore, the groom should arrive at the bride's house on a white horse. Arkan says he has not decided whether to travel by helicopter or car.

"My parents are very proud because I am going to marry the bravest man in the country. He is polite, direct — a real man," Ceca has said.

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FROM CHARLES BREER IN PARIS

PUBLICITY over Pdent Mitterrand's illegiate daughter only helped ring France's first couploser together, accordi to Danielle Mitterrand.

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The French contin to admire and love h she insisted. "Yes, for 50rs I have been proud to bewife of François."

KGB's new guise rekindles old concerns for human rights

BY RICHARD BEESTON

LESS than four years after the Soviet KGB was split up and weakened, its successor is being given a new name and greater powers to police the Russian people.

Under a proposed law, which has passed its second reading in the Duma, the lower house of parliament, the Federal Counter-intelligence Service (FSK) will be renamed the Federal Security Service (FSS) and granted a wider range of responsibilities, including crime fighting. The Bill stipulates that the identity of agents working for the new agency would be a state secret, and that surveillance operations against suspects would no longer be made accountable to the public prosecutor's office. The move to strengthen the domestic intelligence service is partly a reaction to genuine fears among members of the public that crime syndicates have become too powerful for the police to tackle and that Russian cities are poorly protected against the threat of reprisal attacks from Chechen separatists. However, the move to strengthen the secret police, so soon after the dreaded KGB was disbanded, has raised fears that the new organisation will abuse human rights and target the Kremlin's political opponents.

A report in yesterday's *Izvestia* predicted that the new agency would be headed by Mikhail Barsukov — a longtime aide to President Yeltsin — who is closely allied to Aleksandr Kurzhakov, the Kremlin's powerful and shadowy security chief. Former dissidents issued a warning this week that giving further powers to the state security apparatus threatened to turn Russia into a police state again.

Vladimir Oivin, a former Soviet dissident, described the FSK as a "criminal organisation", which he said had abandoned its disguise as a democratic law enforcement agency and was reverting to its old tricks.



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Israel opens door to Palestinians barred from work

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL agreed yesterday to allow a gradual lifting of the ban on 60,000 Palestinian workers from entering its territory, imposed after the January 22 suicide bombing that killed 21 Jews. It also sanctioned a speeding up of talks on the next stage of the peace process, which is six months behind schedule.

The limited concessions were announced after a summit meeting held on the border with the autonomous Gaza Strip where the closure has exacerbated economic hardship among Palestinians, already facing an unemployment rate of more than 50 per cent. Earlier, Palestinian police arrested ten Islamic militants as officials were named to a controversial new military court in Gaza set up to try security cases. The court, based on the Egyptian model to try fundamentalists, has been criticised by Palestinian human rights campaigners.

Under yesterday's agreement, which was an attempt to lift the crisis atmosphere surrounding the peace process in recent weeks, 15,000 workers will be able to cross again into the Jewish state. Israeli officials said that 10,000 will come from the overcrowded Gaza Strip and the rest from the West Bank, where Israeli troops are supposed to be pulling back and Palestinian elections taking place. No date has yet been set for this delayed operation.

While Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, and Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, were involved in rebuilding the collapsing peace process, hundreds of militant Jews attended a provocative ceremony to honour the memory of Baruch Goldstein, who murdered 29 Palestinian worshippers in a Hebron mosque a year ago.

Mr Arafat and Mr Rabin barred the media from their summit in an attempt to hide just how wide their differences have become. But the Israeli right-wing extremists, paying homage to a mass-murderer who was bludgeoned to death as he shot unarmed civilians, revelled in the press and television coverage.

The memorial gathering — near the huge, marble tombstone erected at the settlement of Kiryat Arba overlooking Hebron, where Goldstein, an immigrant doctor from Brooklyn, had lived with 6,000 other Jews — was a chilling reminder of the intense hatred waiting to be unleashed if the 17-month peace accord cannot be revived.

The event took place despite a 24-hour curfew imposed on Hebron the previous night by the Israeli army, and against the wishes of many leading left-wing politicians, some of whom had called on the military to ban the meeting. Senior Israeli sources said this was not done because the Government feared a confrontation with the settlers which could degenerate into a Jewish civil war.

Shulamit Aloni, the Culture Minister, criticised the army for failing to take steps to prevent the grave being turned into "a strange shrine of massacre and hatred". The revulsion felt by the majority of Israeli Jews towards those attending the ceremony for a man who has become a cult figure for a fanatical minority of their fellow countrymen was voiced by Amnon Rubinstein, the Education Minister, who described the anti-Arab gathering as "anti-Jewish and horrifying". Mr Rubinstein, one of those who called in vain for the army to ban the event, claimed that such a memorial would not have been permitted had the mass-murderer been a member of an extreme Islamic group.

Shalom Sharabi, another Brooklyn-born Jew and a friend of Goldstein's, voiced sentiments to be heard from many attending yesterday's memorial service. "He is beyond a hero, he is more than a hero, he is like my brother," Mr Sharabi said. "He was a perfect human being."



A Greenpeace vessel challenges a Japanese whalecatcher yesterday as it hunts for minke whales within the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary, a protected area

Township students run riot

BY INIGO GILMORE

HUNDREDS of black pupils yesterday went on the rampage through Cape Town city centre after a protest against racist attacks by white rightwingers.

Gangs of black youths ransacked market stalls and assaulted residents and journalists. Several people were mugged and a tourist was reported to have been stabbed.

The trouble began after about 8,000 township pupils who had protested outside the parliament building began dispersing. Members of the teachers' union and the Congress of South African Students showed their solidarity by occupying the office of Hernus Kriel, the Western Cape Premier, to demand the resignation of Martha Olckers, the regional Education Minister.

The protest followed three days of clashes between 5,000 black schoolchildren and whites in the Ruyterwacht district. Residents armed with sjamboks and baseball bats have tried to stop the children from entering a disused primary school.

Musician killed in Algeria

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN ALGIERS

ONE OF Algeria's most popular musicians, known by his stage name of "Rachid," was shot dead in front of his store in Oran, television reports said yesterday.

Rachid and his brother formed a singing duo specialising in "rai" music, a sensual mix of traditional Arab and Western beats condemned by Islamic extremists.

His reported killing, for which no group has claimed responsibility, was the latest in a series of murders of artists, intellectuals and activists that has intensified since the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan on February 1. Islamic extremists have vowed to intensify their jihad during Ramadan.

On Wednesday, the president of a feminist organisation was assassinated in the Berber capital of Tizi Ouzou. On Tuesday, gunmen killed a Foreign Ministry administrator. An estimated 30,000 people have been killed since the start of an Islamic insurgency three years ago that has pitted militants against the security forces.

Judgment scuppers pilgrims' vessel

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

AN ISRAELI pleasure-boat company carrying Christian pilgrims on the Sea of Galilee has been ordered to stop naming its craft after Jesus.

Ruling in the bizarre copyright suit filed by Holyland Sailing Ltd against Kinneret Sailing Company Ltd, Judge Gideon Ginat decreed in an interim judgment in the Nazareth district court that only Holyland Sailing has the right to use the name "Jesus Boat" to describe the vessels it uses to ferry pilgrims to such holy sites as Capernaum.

The roots of the dispute go back to 1986 when the remains of a 28ft wooden fishing boat were found embedded in the mud of the sea, which is also known as Lake Kinneret. Since the remarkably well-preserved craft was from the 1st century AD, the period of Jesus, many of whose disciples were fishermen, the vessel soon became known as "The Jesus Boat".

Four years later, according to *The Jerusalem Post*, Reuven Ben-Dori, a veteran Jewish tourist entrepreneur who specialised in Christian pilgrimages, came up with the idea of sailing similar boats on the sea. His company had two boats specially built and named them *Peter* and *John*.

All was going smoothly until two weeks ago, when the rival company, which until then had been using a fleet of eight metal-hulled pleasure boats, launched its own replica biblical craft, named them *Matthew* and *Mary* and advertised that it was also offering pilgrims the chance to sail in a "Jesus Boat". Holyland Sailing smartly summoned its lawyers and sued.

Judge Ginat was quick to make an initial judgment that there was not room on the picturesque sea for two rival fleets of boats named after Jesus. Kinneret Sailing was also ordered to contribute towards costs. A final ruling is expected soon.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bangkok border warning

Bangkok: Thailand has warned Burma not to violate Thai territory in its offensive against Karen guerrillas operating near the border of the two countries.

Surin Pitsuwan, Thailand's acting Foreign Minister, also told Burma's Ambassador that his Government would not tolerate incidents such as last week's abduction of a senior guerrilla official from a refugee camp in Thailand by Karens allied to the Burmese rulers. *(Reuter)*

Rainforest alert

Suva: The South Pacific's tropical rainforests could disappear in 15 to 20 years unless urgent action is taken, the World Bank said before a regional economics meeting in Fiji. *(Reuter)*

Election death

Guwahati: A political worker was shot dead by an unknown man as voting began in the northeastern Indian state of Manipur. About 40,000 members of the security forces are on duty. *(Reuter)*

Corruption fear

Peking: In a strong warning, Li Peng, China's Premier, has said that corruption and abuse of power have angered the public and could threaten Communist Party rule, the official media reported. *(AP)*

Stage revival

New York: The actress Julie Andrews is to return to Broadway after a 35-year absence with an adaptation of her 1982 comedy film *Victor-Victoria*, in which she plays a female impersonator. *(AFP)*

Hot pursuit

Sofia: A Bulgarian worker, 44, emerged unscathed after spending four minutes in a 400F steel plant furnace hoping to enter the *Guinness Book of Records*, the daily *24 Chassa* said. *(AFP)*

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Student warriors cut swath through Afghan opposition

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

TALEBAN, the Islamic students' army, is sitting on the outskirts of Kabul with enough artillery, tanks, rockets and heavily armed men to blow the Afghan capital to pieces, after sweeping across the country, defeating its enemies and astounding neutral observers.

Yesterday the soldiers, backed by 200 tanks and a dozen MiG-21 aircraft, issued an ultimatum that forced troops of President Rabbani to pull back towards the capital. They also seized more territory from Mr Rabbani's rival, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the former Prime Minister.

The Taleban were also demanding control of other positions once held by Mr Hekmatyar's troops, whose stronghold at Charasyab, 15 miles from Kabul, fell to the students on Tuesday. The Rabbani forces withdrew from three strategic points on the southern fringe of Kabul on Wednesday and moved closer to the city.

The force has gained popular support in just six months with their strict Islamic agenda in a country led by Rabbani loyalists and Mr Hekmatyar's Hezb-i-Islami since the collapse of the communist regime in April 1992, and riven by factional fighting.

Almost like a ghost army the student force appeared to come from nowhere and marched through the southern provinces with ease, knocking out all opposition and collecting weapons and converts along the way. It now has 25,000 men, many of them former mujahidin skilled in warfare. They are mostly Pashtuns, the dominant ethnic group in Afghanistan, leaving Tajiks, Uzbeks and others nervous.

Taleban, which means "Islamic theology students", was first noticed when it freed a Pakistani trade convoy hijacked by warlords in Kandahar province in November. Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Agency (ISI), the military intelligence body, was suspected of creating it.

This seems unlikely: a Pashtun army this powerful could threaten the break-up of Pakistan by resurrecting the dream of Pashtunistan, straddling the Afghan-Pakistan border. Pashtuns are pathans, the generic term for Farsi-speaking tribes, and are more attached to ethnic identity than to Pakistan. They form much of the population of the North West Frontier Province and have long nursed the idea of nationhood.

ISI supported Afghan resistance groups fighting the occupation by the former Soviet Union from 1979-89. Mr Hekmatyar, the most anti-Western of Afghanistan's leaders, accuses Pakistan and Sir Nicholas Barrington, a retired British High Commissioner to Islamabad, of creating Taleban. The accusation has been denied.

Naseerullah Babar, Pakistan's Interior Minister, admitted a closeness between Taleban's mission and "our perceptions," but denied any involvement in its creation. Instability in Afghanistan has created a vast refugee problem in the North West Frontier Province. War has allowed a drugs and guns culture to spread across the border, which is behind the virtual collapse of Karachi, the commercial capital. Taleban's secret is its timing: people have turned to it because they are sick of the established private armies, which have reduced the country to rubble. They want Taleban to impose order. Its declared strategy is to disarm former mujahidin groups as it defeats them and to wipe out the drugs trade as it progresses. It now controls a third of the country. Such idealism may not last, but for now it promises hope. Taleban's early recruits were Afghan refugees attending Islamic schools in the Pakistani border province of Baluchistan. These theological aspects are now overshadowed by its military credentials. It contains former army officers, mujahidin and a sprinkling of local warlords. Kabul is within its grasp: beyond that traditionally Pashtun city, however, lies non-Pashtun country to the north and west, which will be harder to conquer.

DAVID PRATT



Fighters from President Rabbani's Jamiat-i-Islami in Kabul yesterday prepare for an onslaught by the Taleban Islamic student army

Blasphemy case lawyer attacked

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN LAHORE

MUSLIM militants yesterday threatened a lawyer who appealed against the death sentences passed against a 14-year-old boy and his uncle on blasphemy charges.

The incident occurred outside the Lahore High Court when the lawyer, Asma Jehangir, came out after a hearing of the appeal. As she walked to her car, about 200 bearded men wearing green turbans shouted threats and then grabbed and beat her driver, witnesses said. Her car was also damaged. Ms Jehangir was allowed to leave after some bystanders intervened.

"It has become increasingly difficult for us to pursue the case," she said. "If they beat my driver, damage my car, they can also kill me tomorrow." Ms Jehangir also charged opposing lawyers with attempted murder and instigating the threats against her. She is leading the appeal before a two-judge bench.

Salamat Masih, 14, and Rehmat Masih, 44, both Christians, were convicted by a lower court here a week ago of writing blasphemous remarks against the prophet Muhammad and throwing them into a mosque.

Another family member, Manzoor Masih, also accused in the blasphemy case, was killed by unidentified gunmen in Lahore last year.

Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, said earlier this week she was "shocked and unhappy" at the sentences.

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Salamat Masih, 14, faces death penalty

'Bandit queen' leads crusade against India's caste system

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

PHOOLAN DEVI, India's illiterate "bandit queen", has come a long way from the squalor of life on the run. "So many things are happening to me," she said yesterday, smiling at her new husband.

An authorised biography of her is to be published soon in France and she says she has been invited to visit Japan. She lives in a smart suburb of south Delhi — in unimaginable luxury compared with her home village in Madhya Pradesh — and has just formed a social welfare organisation, Eaklavya Sena, named after a low-caste character from the Hindu epic, *Mahabharata*. "It will fight for poor, low-caste rural women," she said.

"Poor people are exploited by the wealthy. I did not become a *dacoit* [bandit] because I wanted to, but because I was forced into it." She was gang-raped at the age of 11 by high-caste Thakurs and later formed a gang that was accused of killing 22 Thakur men in 1981.

She was kept in prison for ten years, without going to trial, until her release last year after low-caste politicians came to power in the important northern state of Uttar Pradesh. There are 55 charges still pending against her.

She said she objected to a film about her, *Bandit Queen*, because it was an inaccurate portrayal of her life. The film opened in London this week.

Miss Devi is apparently upset by a rape scene. She said the film did not properly convey the plight of low-caste women. "The caste system has no place in Indian society." She added: "I do not believe in the Gandhian philosophy of turning the other cheek. Leaders have to be opposed for perpetuating the system."

Yesterday, she handled herself deftly at the Foreign Correspondents' Club in Delhi. She insisted that she had no intention of entering politics, despite many offers.

Manila orders jets to disputed islands

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN MANILA

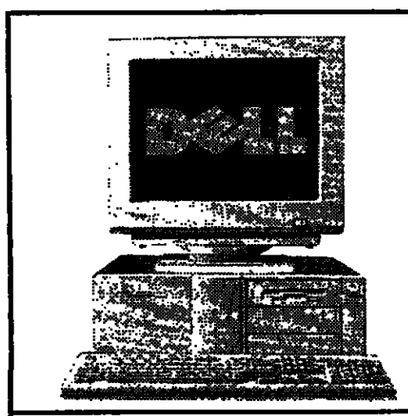
THE Philippines yesterday sent five jet fighters — its entire airworthy force — to the Spratly Islands after alleged Chinese incursions into areas claimed by Manila.

Tension rose in the South China Sea islands in the wake of an allegation last week by President Ramos that Chinese naval vessels had built a platform on the Panganiban Reef and briefly detained Filipino fishermen. The fighters were sent to increase surveillance in the area.

A Manila television station, ABS-CBN, last night cast doubt on the Government's claims that the Chinese had made fresh incursions on the reef. In a report it quoted unidentified officials as saying that the Chinese had been manning some islets near the reef for years. The station said it sent a crew to the area to investigate, but they were detained by the Philippines navy.

China and the Philippines are among six countries which claim the mineral-rich islands. Other claimants are Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan and Brunei. China has denied any military incursion and says the platform is a refuge for fishermen.

In a related development, the Philippines Senate unanimously approved a proposal to modernise the military in 15 years.



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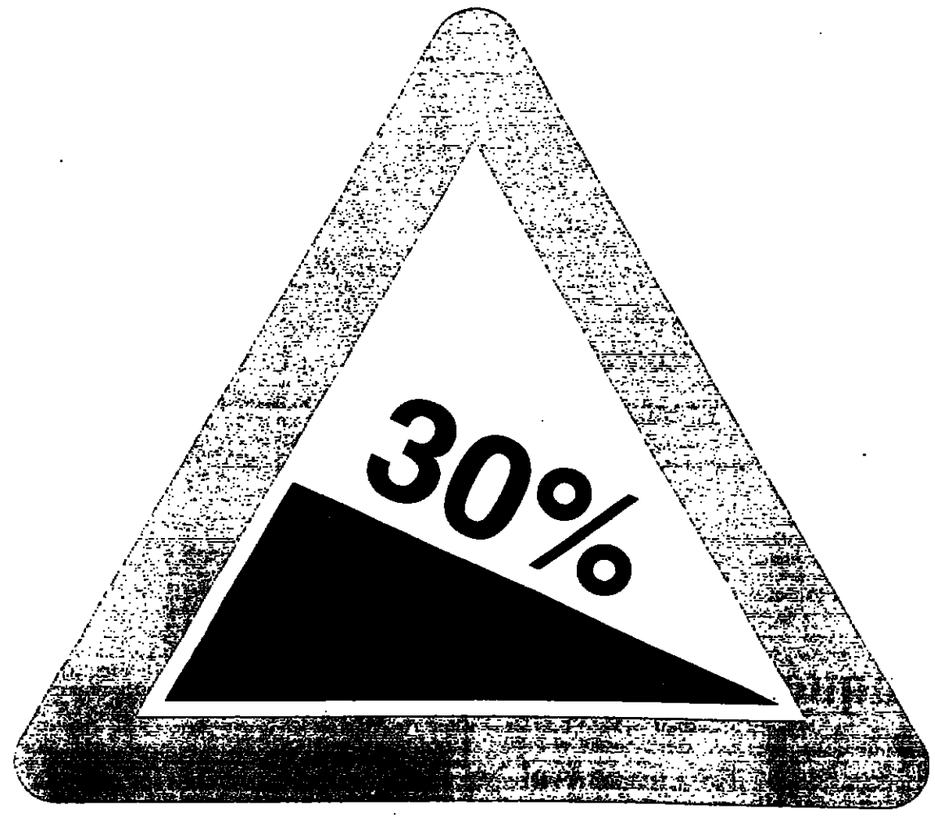
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House throws out Gingrich plan to revive 'star wars'

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Republicans suffered their first big defeat since taking control of Congress when the House of Representatives voted down their attempt to revive large parts of President Reagan's "star wars" programme.

By 218 votes to 212 on Wednesday night, the House backed a Democratic amendment that said building a national defence against ballistic missiles was less important than maintaining the readiness of America's armed forces and developing a system to defend combat troops against short-range missiles such as Iraqi Scuds.

Two dozen Republican Congressmen, mostly ardent deficit cutters, defied their party leadership and joined the Democrats after the Administration said that the Republican plan would divert billions of scarce defence dollars from more pressing needs to fight a threat that did not yet exist.

The Republican plan, part of Newt Gingrich's *Contract with America*, would have required the deployment of a system to defend the United States against missile attacks "at the earliest possible date". Rose DeLauro, a Connecticut Democrat, called it "a boondoggle in the sky that may even be paid for in American lives".

The vote came during a highly-charged debate on a broader Bill which directly challenged President Clinton's national security priorities and, if enacted, would change the direction of American foreign policy. The National Security Revitalisation Act, on which the House was voting last night, would impose tough new restrictions on America's funding for United Nations peacekeeping operations and participation in them. It also called for an early expansion of Nato eastwards and stronger national defence.

Democrats said the measure would destroy both UN peacekeeping and the President's ability to deal with foreign crises. "This legislation reverses one half-century of American leadership," Robert Torricelli, a New Jersey Democrat, said. "We are losing our leadership to isolationism."

Republicans portrayed the Bill as a long-overdue measure to prevent the Clinton Administration rushing headlong into any more botched UN operations like Somalia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, or surrendering control of American foreign policy to a UN which most Americans now view with suspicion.

"This is not about isolationism. This is an America-comes-first policy. The American people will not stand for the military adventurism of a liberal elite," Dana Rohrabacher, a Californian Republican, said.

Robert Dole, the Senate's Republican leader, has introduced legislation in his chamber that would also restrict American support for UN peacekeeping operations, but President Clinton has all but announced that he would veto any Bill along those lines.

Earlier yesterday the House voted 211-207 in favour of establishing a national security commission to examine American defence needs and force structure. William Perry, the Defence Secretary, had strongly opposed this infringement on his responsibilities.

In another sign of the growing "America first" attitude taking hold in Congress, the Senate budget committee's Republican majority has drafted a report calling for the termination of a wide range of US peacekeeping, international lending and arms control programmes.

The report was leaked to *The Washington Post*, which said it reflected the widespread view that "US dollars have been ill-spent on international adventures". Specifically, the US would end its support for unspecified "multilateral development banks" most UN programmes and America's own Agency for International Development.



Perry: sees challenge to his responsibilities



George Bush holds the hand of Norma Earley after his tee shot struck her nose



George Bush, Gerald Ford and Bill Clinton were joined by Bob Hope in their eventful round of golf

Spectators under par as Presidents tee off

BY GILES WHITTELL

ROUNDING off a brief visit to California, President Clinton lost a golf match to his predecessor George Bush, but at least did not injure any voters in the process.

Mr Clinton shot an erratic 93 on a par 68 course after teeing off with two past Presidents and the 91-year old Bob Hope in the veteran comedian's invitation tournament at the desert spa of Indian Wells.

Mr Bush had an indifferent 92, but scores were overshadowed by what the former President might have called collateral damage — he claimed an early casualty with a stray drive on the first hole, striking the elderly Norma Earley, of Vista, near San Diego, on the bridge of her nose and shattering her glasses. She was given first aid on the spot, then taken to the Eisenhower Medical Centre to receive ten stitches.

Mr Bush, not content with one spectator, hit another on the buttock while meandering towards the 14th hole. Gerald Ford, meanwhile, had drawn blood from the left index finger of spectator Geraldine Grommesh on the 17th.

Mr Bush appeared less than thrilled with his golf. It had been "comme çi, comme ça", he said.

Bob Hope played all 18 holes, fishing new balls from his pockets as required. Like the hordes of Secret Service agents on hand, he travelled by golf cart instead of walking, but still earned the President's gushing admiration.

"I had the worst round I've had in three or four years, but I had a wonderful time," Mr Clinton said.

New York to resume executions

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

AGREEMENT has been reached on legislation to restore the death penalty in New York state after the election of a Republican Governor last year.

George Pataki, the governor, who has already shipped one prisoner off to face execution in another state, struck a deal with legislators to make New York the 38th US state with the death penalty. The Bill prescribes a maximum penalty of death by lethal injection for serial killers, terrorists, professional hit-men and those who murder witnesses or police. It excludes the mentally ill, unless they kill while already in jail.

Officials estimate that between 15 and 20 per cent of the 2,300 murders that take place in the state every year would fall within the statute. A vote on the legislation is expected on March 1, and the new law will probably take effect in the autumn.

"There is no question in my mind it will be a deterrent," said Mr Pataki. "It will save lives. It will reduce the number of murders." The last time New York executed a prisoner was in 1963.

O.J. Simpson alibi witness flees from media hounding

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A KEY defence witness in the O.J. Simpson murder trial has fled to her native El Salvador.

Rosa Lopez, a maid who worked for Mr Simpson's neighbour in Brentwood, had told defence lawyers that she saw his car outside his house at the time the prosecution says his former wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were being murdered. Fearful of media harassment, Ms Lopez left the country on Wednesday and told her employer she would not be back.

She has been hounded by the press since Johnnie Cochran, a defence lawyer, mentioned her by name in his opening statement. Ms Lopez was also upset by the fate of another potential defence witness whose evidence was previewed for the jury by Mr Cochran last month.

Mary Anne Gerchas, a jeweller who claims to have seen four male youths leaving the murder scene, has since been branded a "pathological liar and known Simpson groupie" by prosecutors, and arrested twice in two weeks for alleged financial misdeeds. "The first arrest upset her," Ms Lopez's lawyer said yesterday. "I can only imagine what the second one did."

Mr Cochran has promised to find her even though her employer and lawyer claimed to have no forwarding address. "If she left the country, we're going where she is," he said. "She's important." If she is found and refuses to return to California, Mr Cochran said the procedure would be for lawyers from both sides to fly to El Salvador and take videotaped evidence from her. Judge Lance Ito has said he may ask the American Embassy in San Salvador for help in contacting Ms Lopez.

Equally dispiriting for Mr Simpson's defence was the revelation that his blood had been found on a gate at the back of Brown Simpson's home. The prosecution announced on Wednesday that the DNA analysis had linked the blood to Mr Simpson, and that further tests would show it could not have been planted by police.

The defence objected to any further testing and pointed out that the blood was nearly three weeks old before investigators found it. Mr Simpson has pleaded not guilty to the murders. The trial continues.

Delinquent is all-American hero



Hines: rescued children from burning home

Pine Bluff, Arkansas: A teenager with a history of delinquency saved the lives of a dozen children and two adults from a burning mobile home here.

Steven Hines, 17, was riding his bicycle home from a shop when he spotted flames from the chimney. He opened the unlocked door, to find the occupants, including two babysitters in their 70s, dazed by the fire. He rushed inside and carried the 12 children, aged 4 to 13 to safety.

It was not until hours later that he realised what he had done. "I got scared then," he said. "Flames were moving across like waves on the ocean ... stuff was melting. It was like a marshmallow." A 9-year-old boy died in the blaze, which the authorities said started near a wood-burning stove.

The next day, Andrew Tolbert, Steven's principal at Pine Bluff High School, wanted to honour the youth at a school assembly — but he was playing truant and could not be found at home. "His attendance has not been consistent, at best," Mr Tolbert said, adding that this should not overshadow his heroism.

Steven's behaviour outside school has also not been beyond criticism and he has been in state juvenile rehabilitation centres twice. "I was young. I was doing things my brothers do and hanging out with the wrong crowd," he said. "I have better things to do than that." *(AP)*

WORLD SUMMARY

Episcopal church in new row

New York: The Episcopal Church, the American branch of the Anglican communion, is facing a new scandal over missing funds after a tumultuous month that has shaken the faith of many churchgoers (James Bone writes). Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning, the top Episcopalian official, revealed this week that "evidence of certain irregularities" had been discovered after the resignation of the church's treasurer at the end of January. The scandal follows the resignation of a bishop over "exploitative" extra-marital affairs and the ordination of a homosexual deacon.

Buchanan joins presidential race

Washington: Pat Buchanan, the right-wing firebrand whose White House challenge embarrassed George Bush in the 1992 primaries, announced yesterday that he is preparing to run for president again (Ian Brodie writes). He said he will focus on abortion and illegal immigration and will campaign for a trade policy that will add to America's standard of living, not hasten its decline. He is an outspoken critic of President Clinton's trade agreements and bail-out of the Mexican peso.

Lawyers delay Andreotti trial

Rome: Lawyers defending Giulio Andreotti, the former Christian Democrat Prime Minister who faces charges of corruption and Mafia collusion, asked for a fourth delay in the hearing scheduled for today after prosecutors produced 150 pages of fresh evidence (John Phillips writes). The existing court file is 1,200 pages long. Much of the new testimony was provided by Gioacchino Pennino, a Mafioso who is turning state's evidence.

Hard to swallow

Rennes: French shellfish farmers are choking on a 4,000-tonne oyster mountain caused by a slide in foreign orders and a mild winter that has let the molluscs get too fat. Including the shell, some weigh in at more than 1lb each. "They're perfectly edible, but they don't fit French eating habits," said Bernard Logeoux, president of the local shellfish breeders' association. *(Reuter)*

US asks Britain to stem Cuban exodus

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN GRAND CAYMAN

THE United States has requested British help to stem a new flow of Cuban refugees heading for American soil from a temporary refuge in the Cayman Islands, which lie about 100 miles off Cuba's south coast.

Earlier this week, 143 Cuban refugees at a "tent city" in Grand Cayman tried to make a dash for the Florida coast in a mini-flotilla, with the help of alleged smugglers. After a five-day journey of about 700 miles, more than 40 Cubans arrived on the west coast of Florida, south of Sarasota. About 100 others were intercepted by the US Coast Guard, some of them just yards from the beach. They are now being repatriated on two Coast Guard cutters to the Caymans.

The US formally asked Britain on Wednesday to take back the refugees. Failing that, it said it would take them to the US naval base at Guantánamo Bay. US officials said they could not afford to allow detained Cubans to seek asylum, for fear that it might spark a new refugee exodus from Cuba.

Peter Westmacott, a British Embassy spokesman in Washington said: "We have logged the request. We are obviously giving it our consideration." But British sources said the matter must first be discussed with the Government of the Cayman Islands. Although the islands are a British dependency, the local Government is in charge of immigration.

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Mrs Churchill's fund

Mary Soames remembers her mother's invaluable work for the wartime Red Cross Aid to Russia Fund



Clementine Churchill (right) and Mabel Johnson meet Professor Sarkison, of the Soviet Red Cross, before their 1945 trip to the Soviet Union

When Germany attacked Russia in 1941, Winston Churchill, despite his lifelong hostility to communism, at once declared Great Britain's determination to ally itself with the Soviet Union in its ferocious struggle against the Nazi invaders. As German troops advanced into the heartland of Russia, the long and gruelling defence brought appalling hardship to the Russian people. News of their suffering aroused a wave of sympathy throughout Britain, and there was a general, spontaneous desire to organise relief for the new ally.

The overall priority was for medical and surgical supplies, and it soon became clear that the scale of Russian needs and the difficulties of procuring and delivering them called for a co-ordinated national effort.

The Red Cross and St John War Organisation decided to launch the Red Cross Aid to Russia Fund and Clementine Churchill agreed to become its chairman. She was deeply moved by the sufferings of the Russian people and accurately gauged the strength of sympathy for the Russian cause.

The Red Cross Aid to Russia Fund was launched in mid-October 1941. The response was immediate: just before Christmas, Clementine Churchill was able to broadcast the almost incredible news that the fund had already passed its £1 million target.

Throughout the country flag days were held and Anglo-Soviet weeks organised. Auctions and theatrical galas took place, schoolchildren and office workers all raised money on a regular basis, and the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund was strongly supported by industrial workers. In 1943, £12,500 was raised at the England v Wales football match, the largest sum ever raised for charity by one sporting event.

The scale of the Russian requirements meant that full government co-operation was essential. The Ministry of Supply undertook the necessary purchasing for the Aid to Russia Fund, advised by an expert committee representing such organisations as the Trades Union Congress and the Mineworkers' Federation.

It was a vast operation. Procuring supplies was the first step, and it was necessary to introduce special methods of production to meet some of the Russian demands. Then the goods had to be packed and conveyed to Russia, overcoming the difficulties of wartime transport and the dangers to convoys.

Lists were issued regularly to inform the public of the total supplies sent. By October 1942, 11 months after the appeal's launch, 18 consignments had been shipped to the Soviet Union. In addition to portable X-ray units and ambulances, supplies included clothing, bedding, drugs and a large range of surgical instruments.

A number of other, politically motivated organisations also established funds for helping Russia, but none of these agencies caught the imagination of the public as much as "Mrs Churchill's fund". The Red Cross Aid to Russia Fund was apolitical, allowing people to respond purely on a humanitarian basis. However, there was no doubt that the name of Churchill, combined with the respect and confidence inspired by Clementine herself, fired the enthusiasm of people throughout the country.

Towards the end of 1944, Clementine was invited by the Soviet Government and the Soviet Red Cross to visit the USSR, an invitation she warmly accepted.

Clementine arrived in Moscow on April 2, 1945, accompanied by her own private secretary, Grace Hamblin, and by Mabel Johnson (secretary to the fund). The central purpose of their visit was to arrange for the re-equipment of two hospitals at Rostov-on-Don with 500 beds in each, which would stand as a lasting memorial to the fund. But when they saw the scale of the needs, it was decided to increase the number to 1,500 beds. The on-the-spot revision of plans highlighted the practical value of Clementine's visit.

Through the British Embassy Clementine received messages from Winston. On April 2, he cabled: "At the moment you are the one bright spot in Anglo-Russian relations."

In a cable on April 6, he told her: "Please speak always of my earnest desire for continuing friendship of British and Russian peoples and of my resolve to work for it perseveringly . . ."

> "You are the one bright spot in Anglo-Russian relations"

Winston had warned her that once she left Moscow and was out of touch with the embassy, any secret communications must cease, and that cables would be *en clair*. But from telegrams her husband sent, they learnt of the forward surge of liberating armies, the execution of Mussolini, the surrender of German forces in Italy, and how, on April 30, Hitler had shot himself in the air-raid bunker of the Chancellery in Berlin.

Although deeply engrossed by her daily programme, Clementine now yearned to be at home and at Winston's side. But it was not until May 5 that she and her party arrived back in Moscow. Now she could receive fuller news, and in a private cable to her on May 4, Winston confided: "You seem to have had a triumphant tour and I only wish matters would be settled between you and the Russian common people." He continued: "We are all occupied here with preparations for Victory — European Day. I need scarcely tell you that beneath these triumphs lie poisonous politics and deadly international rivalries."

On VE-Day on May 8, she cabled him from Moscow: "All my thoughts are with you on this supreme day, my darling. It could not have happened without you."

A religious service was hastily arranged and held at the British Embassy, and in the afternoon Clementine listened to Winston's broadcast from London. The following evening she broadcast a message on Moscow radio from Prime Minister Churchill to Marshal Stalin: "It is my firm belief that on the friendship and understanding between the British and Russian peoples depends the future of mankind."

On May 11, the morning of her departure, she wrote a letter in her own hand to Marshal Stalin:

"I have seen with sorrow some of the ravages caused by a wicked and ruthless enemy and observed the dignity, courage and patience of your people.

"I have enjoyed the most warm-hearted hospitality and everywhere I have been welcomed with the greatest kindness and enthusiasm.

"I know of the international difficulties which have not been surmounted, but I know also of my husband's resolve and confidence that a complete understanding between the English-speaking world and the Soviet Union will be achieved and maintained as this is the only hope of the world."

Soon after her return home, Clementine wrote a booklet entitled *My Visit to Russia*. Reading it now with the hindsight of the Cold War, one finds the protestations of friendship ring somewhat hollow. But one must try to recapture the atmosphere of those days — the feelings of the British people who had been awestruck by the heroism and suffering of the Russians and expressed them in their support of the Red Cross Aid to Russia Fund. By 1947, although active fund-raising had ceased in 1945, the fund stood at £7,984,000.

In ending the account of her visit to Russia, Clementine wrote: "I prayed as I turned to take my farewell look at Moscow, 'May difficulties and misunderstandings pass, may friendship remain'."

In 1995 these words have a ring of hope, indeed.

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Who cares if the facts don't fit the story?

Writers have few qualms about riding roughshod over the truth



LIBBY PURVES

Nostalgia for old maids on bicycles, casting long shadows over county grounds and drinking warm beer at Holy Communion, is not an affliction of mine. Maybe I read too many pre-war novels to have a rosy view of how it was, especially for the old maids. However, gazing absently at the title-page of an old Dorothy L. Sayers murder mystery ("The characters and situations in this book are entirely imaginary . . ." etc) I have suddenly decided that there is one Basic I would like to get back to. I think it is high time that writers of fiction went back to inventing their own plots.

Proper writers make it up. They let character and story grow naturally out of random images, overhearings, imaginings, half-remembered faces, daydreams, and the wild extrapolation of obscure aspects of themselves. That is the process that breathed life into Anna Karenina and Lady Bracknell, that gave us King Lear and *Double Indemnity*. Real fiction tells truths about humanity through the medium of inspired lies. There never was such a person as Mr Darcy or such a place as Pemberley, but never mind, says the writer; there is now.

If real writers borrow, they have the decency to wait until their subjects are dead. Cleopatra is fair game. But ever since the advent of film, with its arrogant hunger, fiction has taken to snapping far too close on the heels of living fact. Biopics of the long-dead ("Gee, Mr Chopin — play that cute tune again!") were all right as long as they were ludicrous. The better the film, the greater the abuse of truth. Captain Bligh, urge historians, was not so bad a chap as Charles Laughton looked; the Master of the *Californian* did not ignore the *Titanic*'s SOS. But at least the characters are dead and past caring.

Then the film industry got bolder and lazier, and living people found themselves staring in amazed horror at their screen doppelgangers. Sometimes they jibbed: Gladys Aylward, the missionary, loudly complained of being played by Ingrid Bergman. Sometimes they took the money and smiled, accepting it as an extension of autobiography. But now the ravening screen goes further.

It is only four years since Susan Christie, aged 22, killed her lover's wife, Penny McAllister. She is still in prison. But, on Monday, the three of them will be on ITV in a "compelling" two-hour television drama by Lucy Gannon, based on transcripts from the court case and interviews McAllister gave to a newspaper. On that base is invention: conversations, motives, tones of voice, words of love. The actor playing the victim's husband says "I'm not saying that I understand Duncan McAllister, but I do understand how the character, as written, got to the point he did . . . he was a man torn apart by a moral and emotional dilemma". The real Duncan McAllister and his in-laws are only four years past an appalling personal disaster, but they have to put up with this sort of luvvie guff. What can they do?

And what can Anne Perry do, who has just been unmasked as the confused teenager who 40 years ago in New Zealand helped a friend to kill her mother? The film of their crime, *Heavenly Creatures*, is entrancing the critics. One drivelled this week that if the girls involved ever watch it they will "understand their teenage selves better". Another warmly praised the "emotional truthfulness" of the sexual relationship between the girls.

But Ms Perry says there was no such thing. Her memory is different and less box-office: a matter of sexual ignorance, warped sense of duty, deluded fears that her friend was dying, ill-health and bad judgment. She hates giving anything which sounds like an excuse, because she has lived through remorse most of us cannot imagine. But what is she to do, when her own young self is lewdly imagined by total strangers, their version accepted by crass critics? What could anyone involved do about *Scandal*, or the Beirut hostages about the television version of their captivity?

Even the most affectionate fictionalisations are oddly cruel. *Shadowlands* is a brilliant piece, but its small dishonesties make survivors of that circle flinch. There was, for instance, no vulnerable small boy to face the grief of Joy's death with C.S. Lewis in an affecting wardrobe scene. There were two big teenagers and a different relationship, more awkward and far less amenable to pathos. But instead of storing up the notion of the little boy and the widower for some future fictional work of his own, the author twisted it to fit his scheme of things.

It worked. But that flick of the wrist, that facile writing-out of two real people, makes you shiver if you think about it for too long. As if someone were to tap-dance, elegantly, on your grave.

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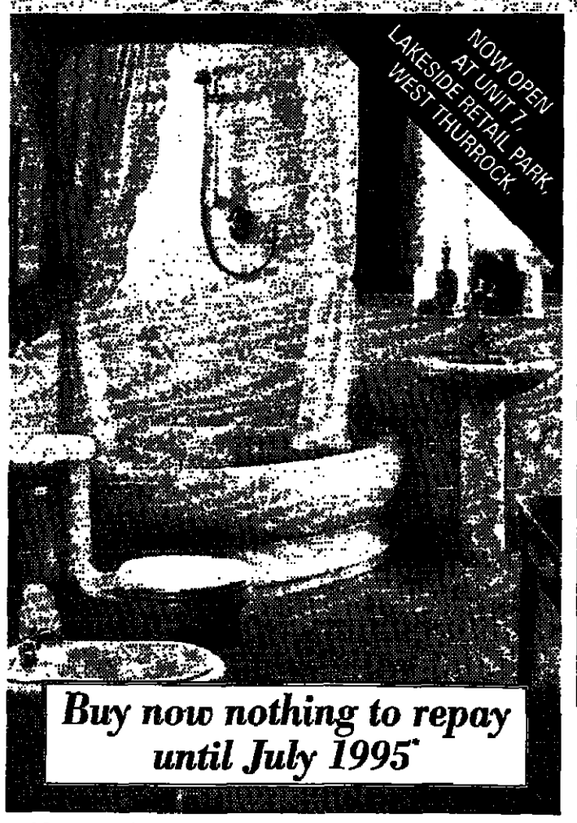
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The Oscar Wilde memorial is long overdue, says the great-grandson of the man who helped to imprison Wilde

'People are only interested in what one's great-uncle got up to a century ago'

It was a most moving ceremony this week, when a roundel in the east window of Poets' Corner at Westminster Abbey was dedicated to Oscar Wilde. Dame Judi Dench and Michael Denison gave us the handbag scene from *The Importance of Being Earnest*, Mr Denison engagingly raising an eyebrow when he gave Lady Bracknell his age as "29". Seamus Heaney gave a bold address. Sir John Gielgud read from the final part of *De Profundis*, the letter written from Reading Gaol to Lord Alfred Douglas, known as Bosie.

Wilde's grandson, Merlin Holland, unveiled the memorial, and there was a murmur of appreciation in a crowded Abbey when it was announced by the Dean that Bosie's great-nephew, the 12th Marquess of Queensberry, was present as well.

The amiable 12th Marquess, ceramic designer, wears denim and lives in a terrace house in Notting Hill, west London, from where he rides on a 750cc Kawasaki motorbike every morning to his mews studio in Lancaster Gate.

For 20 years David Queensberry was professor of ceramics at the Royal College of Art. He left in the year of Jocelyn Stevens's arrival there, not because of that (he thinks Stevens did a good job) but because "you shouldn't soldier on in these jobs over 50". *We sit under a frieze* by Eduardo Paolozzi, whom Queensberry counts as his best friend. Someone had pinned on his desk a picture of Oscar at his most flamboyant and a quotation from *Lady Windermere's Fan*: "We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars."

Many people this week had asked him whether his attendance was a final burying of the hatchet 100 years after his great-grandfather, the ninth Marquess, hounded Wilde and so brought about the imprisonment that destroyed him. *But there was no hatchet to bury*, he protests. "My great-grandfather was a pretty poisonous person, disliked intensely by his sons — Bosie couldn't stand him and nor could my grandfather, Percy — and by his wife."

In the first trial, in which Wilde sued Queensberry for criminal libel, the Queensberry family in fact supported Wilde. The old Marquess never forgave his sons, particularly Percy, for taking Wilde's side. Percy even managed to round up £1,250 towards Wilde's bail of £5,000, in sheer defiance of his father, and tried to get Wilde to flee the country rather than risk imprisonment, though he would have been ruined if Wilde had resorted to jumping bail.

"In fact my great-grandfather and my grandfather met in the street soon after the trial and had a fisticuffs fight," says David Queensberry, "and were charged with affray and bound over to keep the peace — that shows how little respect my grandfather had for his father." (Poor Percy, when he went to his father's deathbed, he was spat upon by the expiring Marquess.) "And later, my mother became a great friend of Wilde's son, Vyvyan Holland.

"Of course, any respectable Victorian person would have found what Wilde was up to to be morally unacceptable. Very few people came out of the closet then, any more than Wilde did." At the libel hearing, called upon to explain his relationship with Bosie, Wilde said: "It is that deep, spiritual affection that is as pure as it is perfect... It is beautiful, it is fine, it is the noblest form of affection." "Which was a load of cobblers," says the Marquess. "You can't confuse the twitch of a few abdominal nerves — I think that's a quote from MacNeice — with great poetry."

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He remembers great-uncle Bosie coming to his parents' house when he was small. His father financially supported Bosie, who was still betting daily on the horses to the day he died. "But I only knew him when he was old and frail. I think he was an awful fellow, Bosie, extremely right-wing, anti-Semitic there was nothing very good to be said about him. He got involved in a lot of litigation; he went to prison for libelling Winston Churchill, and wrote a sonnet to Winston to apologise. But I do think he was, in a minor way, quite a good poet."

Queensberry believes the Wilde window in the Abbey is an important symbolic event, marking acceptance of homosexuality. "The Church of England made it clear that he was being honoured for his literary achievements, not to atone for his suffering in prison. But I think everyone present assumed it was a gesture, a way of saying that being gay is something we understand and tolerate as totally unimportant. I think a lot of people sitting there thought it was wonderful because he suffered and was destroyed because of something we no longer regard as illegal."

The present Marquess has impeccable credentials in this respect: he made his maiden speech in the House of Lords in support of Boofy, Earl of Arran, who carried the Bill for homosexual law reform through the Lords. I always had very strong feelings about gay rights and have always been on the side of a totally liberal approach. One of my closest friends since the 1930s is the writer Dickie Chopping, a card-carrying gay who has been loving and rowing with his partner Dennis for about 60 years. And I think perhaps I was a good person to speak in the Lords, since I have eight children," he laughs. (The children of his two marriages are Sholto, Ambrose, Emma, Victoria, Alice, Milo, Kate and Torquil, some of whom are creative artists, two of them despite being hampered by prams in the hall. Alice Douglas, an actress, is the one most concerned with the Wilde story: she works at putting on plays in prisons.)

"Not that I might not still have been a lurking gay; I know of a father of six who recently announced, in his late sixties, that he is gay." When he laughs Queensberry looks exactly like the BBC's erstwhile political editor John Cole.

"We who live in London, in the worlds of design and journalism and the theatre and so on, don't realise that the acceptance of being gay is not quite as widespread as we believe. You are not going to find much intolerance in the antiques trade, but if you're an engineer in the provinces, or in the City, it may not be in your interest to come out of the closet."

This week's celebrations in the Abbey took place 100 years to the day since the chilly St Valentine's night when *The Importance of Being Earnest* was first performed. Some of the distinguished Abbey guests — who included the Longfords, the Pinters, Donald Sinden, Peter Ackroyd, Michael Foot, Richard Ingrams — went on to the Café Royal for champagne, hosted by Merlin Holland. Holland is now 50, and a writer himself: he is wine correspondent of *The Oldie*, but spends much of his time being Oscar Wilde's grandson: he edited the complete works, and is involved in a forthcoming BBC programme for the centenary of the Wilde trial.

The legacies of the Queensberrys persist in two famous quotations: the ninth Marquess's mis-spelled card left at Wilde's club "Oscar Wilde, posing as somdomite" and Bosie's immortal lines from his poem *Two Loves*: "I am the Love that lives in shame, I am the Love that dare not speak its name."

David Queensberry's own legacy is visible in all our homes: in any number of well-designed mass-market household goods from Royal Doulton and Rosenthal dinner services to Ideal Standard washbasins. Everything in his studio, from tables to teaspoons, is a Queensberry Hunt design, as celebrated two years ago in a V&A exhibition. Behind his desk he displays a variety of teapots and jugs that combine beauty and utility, which does not necessarily mean simplicity, or a lack of sensitive detail. "This," he says, handing me a beautiful pale-yellow 19th-century milk-jug, "looks elaborate, but is in fact ergonomically perfect: see how exactly it suits the pouring hand.

"Where design differs from architecture," he said, waving an arm, "is that while an architect can put up a building acknowledged to be a masterpiece but which nobody likes working in, our products have to be a pleasure to use, or they wouldn't sell."

It is a trifle irritating for Queensberry to be burdened with a name that everyone associates either with boxing — as he says, in no other sport do people remember the name of the person who formulated the rules — or with Wilde. "One can have a lifetime in serious design, responsible for a business worth £130 million a year, and the only thing that interests people is what one's great-uncle got up to in the 19th century."

On the other hand, as dear Oscar said in *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, there is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.

SIMON WALKER



David Queensberry: his own legacy is any number of well-designed mass-market household goods

Julia Llewellyn Smith on one woman's search for the truth about a victim of Romanian oppression

Who killed Gheorghe Cupar?

Helena Drysdale is married to the owner of an art gallery, has a two-year-old daughter and lives in genteel chaos in a middle-class enclave of south London, besieged by tower blocks and crack dealers. Gheorghe Cupar was a Romanian peasant, who became an Orthodox priest and poet, and died, in appalling conditions, in a mental hospital during the Ceauşescu régime.

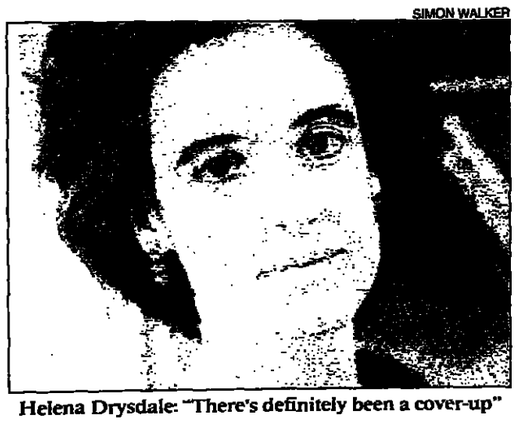
Fifteen years ago, this unlikely couple met and fell in love, when Helena, then a 19-year-old Cambridge undergraduate, was touring Romania with two friends. They camped in the woods, lived off powdered milk and baked beans, and, until they met Gheorghe, just expelled from his monastery, were largely ignorant of the political situation. So were most people in the West: the year before, Ceauşescu had been awarded the Order of the Bath at Buckingham Palace.

Gheorghe (the "g"s are hard) was the first Romanian to hint at the horrors of the system, yet he defied the law that all conversations with a foreigner must be reported and joined them on their travels. He was completely different to anyone Helena had met before, which was why she fell in love. "Oh yes," she says enthusiastically. "He was wonderful looking and such a romantic character: so well read and intense. He had been a shepherd as a boy, playing his flute on the hills, but he taught himself perfect English."

But these exotic qualities were precisely why the relationship had no future. Helena knew this, but when she returned to Cambridge at the end of the summer she indulged in a year-long, passionate correspondence. "I don't think I ever had fantasies that we would be together. I was just in love at that moment, having an exciting romance."

For Gheorghe, however, things were more serious. His letters started to sound haunted — he spoke of trouble with the police, of a spell in a TB hospital, not only for "medical reasons". She dismissed it as melodrama. Occasionally, he begged Helena to marry him and help him escape. But that summer Helena went to Turkey. On her return, Gheorghe wrote asking her never to write again — he had joined the police.

SIMON WALKER



Helena Drysdale: "There's definitely been a cover-up"

Helena left Cambridge, became an art critic for an obscure journal, got married to Richard, who owns an art gallery, and wrote two books about her travels in Tibet and China, and in Madagascar. She never heard from Gheorghe again.

She never forgot him, though, and ten years later, as scenes of the revolution flickered on her television screen, she decided to trace him. In March 1991, Helena returned alone to Romania and began a journey which led her into a maze of paranoia, where everybody's stories were riddled with inconsistencies. "I began totally trusting, just assuming that everyone was so friendly and interesting, and then there would be a remark that would make the ground shift under my feet," she says. "After all, in Ceauşescu's day one in three people was informing to the secret police, the Securitate."



"His fate remains an obsession"

Before Helena reached Gheorghe's village, in an obscure corner of Moldavia, she learned that he had died of "schizophrenia". His family confirmed this, but had never seen the body, or a death or autopsy certificate. The family welcomed Helena excitedly, but by then she had become so wary that she began to suspect even Gheorghe's mother of being implicated in her son's death. "I adored her, but friends later said 'Of course his family committed him to that place', or 'She's lying, she just wants you to give her presents'." She grins regretfully: "I'll never really know, she was probably given some bribe to have her son taken away. He was living at home, unable to work and refusing to conform, and you couldn't do that in Romania."

She never did find out what happened to Gheorghe, despite travelling on to Costina, the mental hospital where he died, which the locals described as "worse than Auschwitz". There she witnessed horrific scenes of filth and depravity among the inmates, most of whom were not "mad" at all. They had just refused to run with the pack.

"Maybe the system drove him mad," Helena says. "But he organised a hunger strike and one time he escaped, so he couldn't have been totally insane. But why all the cover-up about his death? Why didn't they just shoot him? But then everyone tells me the Romanian system is much more subtle than that, it's all about undermining confidence, creating insecurity."

She has captured this atmosphere in *Looking for Gheorghe*, the story of her, ultimately fruitless, attempt to find out how her friend died. He may have been killed or killed himself, he may have been given the wrong drugs for his "schizophrenia", he may have died as the result of malnourishment, being immersed all night in freezing water for hours or wrapped in wet sheets.

It is disappointing enough for the reader that the story has no neat resolution, but for Helena, Gheorghe's fate will always remain an obsession. "I would love to go on," she says. "But some parts say that's as far as I could ever get. There's definitely a cover up." I suggest a few bribes might supply some answers. "Yes, if I had the money. But there's still no guarantee people would tell the truth. And somehow it seems such an un-English thing to do." Besides, she has other things to think about: she is three months pregnant. She and her husband are thinking about travelling around Europe in a camper van — but children will make a difference. "I call my daughter my ball and chain," she sighs.

She still feels guilty that she did not do more for Gheorghe, that she did not marry him or take his pleas for rescue seriously. She is not sure whether to send his family a copy of the book, in case they are compromised. What she can comfort herself with, however, is the fact that the Securitate persecuted Gheorghe, and thousands like him, in the belief that he was a nobody.

"Gheorghe would have been a perfect victim. He was apparently without anyone else in the world. He was unlikely to ignite international outrage. They couldn't have known that I would come along and start to dig."

● *Looking for Gheorghe* by Helena Drysdale is published by Sinclair Stevenson, price £16.99.

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Ireland's toughest compromise

Bruce Anderson says the talks will now need a new flexibility

The current round of Northern Ireland negotiations is perilously close to collapse. The Government's framework document, shortly to be published and virtually unchanged since the *Times* leak, is unacceptable to the Unionist party. Rightly so. The Unionists are on the verge of refusing to take part in further talks. If that happens, the entire process might disintegrate into a chaos of recrimination, imperilling both the ceasefire and the Government's survival.

It is so unfortunate, and so unnecessary. The discussions were inevitably difficult. Two conflicting claims to sovereignty have to be reconciled while assuaging generations of communal antagonism. The drafters of the document have had to walk a tightrope over minefields. Each sentence is an exercise in verbal bomb-disposal — and it has almost worked. On nearly every question there is the hope of agreement, albeit through clenched teeth. But the threat of breakdown emerges from a central issue: the nature of the new cross-border institutions.

The Unionists were prepared to accept these, but they wanted them to come under the control of the new Northern Ireland Assembly. This provoked objections from the Nationalists. Dublin and the SDLP pointed out that any such assembly would have an in-built Unionist majority: what if it simply refused to participate in the cross-border arrangements? That is a genuine anxiety, which requires an answer. In the Ulster context, an agreement cannot be based on good faith alone.

Sir Patrick Mayhew and his deputy, Michael Ancram, had to calm the Nationalists' fears: but they have gone too far. Sir Patrick is a Unionist, but of Southern Irish stock. Lord Ancram is also a Unionist: a Scottish one. The Prime Minister is equally strong in his Unionism: he is a British Unionist. But they are not Ulster Unionists (or it may be that none of them understands Ulster Unionism as well as they think they do). Perhaps because of the very strength of their own Unionist convictions, they have been too willing to override the Ulstermen's anxieties and to dismiss their fears.

Instead of allowing the new cross-border mechanisms to evolve, there would be an enforced partnership at a high level. The Unionists fear that this would enable the Dublin Government and its allies to put London under constant pressure to override the majority's wishes. The Northern Ireland Office rejects that interpretation, but there is much in the small print to give it credence. The Unionists too demand assurances more substantial than mere good faith.

We are in an impasse. To break it, all three sides will have to yield ground. The British Government must restrain its natural impulse to blame the Unionists for their intransigence and to appeal direct to the people of Northern Ireland in a referendum. There would be no hope of constructing a durable future for Ulster in the teeth of Unionist opposition, and anyway, John Major has given his word that the Unionist party will have a *de facto* veto on the negotiations. So the British will have to find a more acceptable formula.

In the meantime, the Unionists should avoid retreating to the bunker. There is a compromise between surrender and breaking off talks. The Unionists need to make their case in a calm and dignified manner, and they have plenty of friends on the mainland to help them. In the last few months, Jim Molyneaux has shown courage and statesmanship. He is now under pressure as never before from his own constituency, but he is a big enough man to tell his own people that he was right to take risks in pursuit of peace. He should also insist that if the Unionists refuse to talk they will be playing their enemy's game.

But if the process is to survive, the biggest, most generous concessions will have to come from Dublin. The Dublin Government has agreed to renounce its territorial claim and accept that Irish unity can come only by consent: it ought now to think through the implications of all that. Consent does not mean endless badgering on the assumption that Unionism is fundamentally illegitimate and that the Unionists ought to get on with recognising their all-Ireland destiny. Consent means persuasion: it means giving Unionists time and space to explore the possibilities of new relationships on the island of Ireland, without any coercion. Above all, consent means the right to withold consent, possibly for ever.

> Consent means persuasion — not coercion

Some in Dublin understand all this. They recognise that the Anglo-Irish agreement failed because it was negotiated behind the Unionists' backs and imposed over their heads: they were determined not to make the same mistake again. But will their determination hold?

It would not be easy for a Dublin Government with a small majority and under pressure from Fianna Fail in opposition to inform its electorate that a framework acceptable to the Brits will have to be recast because those black Prods in the North will not wear it. But unless Dublin acknowledges that it has been too successful for Ireland's good in these negotiations and that it must now give back some ground that should never have been conceded, there is little hope for the talks.

The odds were always against a settlement in Ulster. But from the Downing Street declaration onwards, the various parties have come desperately close to success — perhaps 90 per cent of the way. But that last 10 per cent will be harder than all the rest. All the parties are now suffering from negotiation fatigue; they all feel that they have done their utmost. But unless they combine to find new flexibility and a fresh momentum, their efforts will fail.



Death for graffiti

Is Islam so fragile a religion that it must kill children for imaginary slurs?

Bernard Levin

There is much to be said about a headline reading "Boy faces death for graffiti slur on the Prophet", and I shall say it in due course, but first I must ask a question on which I have frequently pondered, without getting any kind of an answer from those who, in their special positions, might be thought to know and reveal.

Consider: the Muslim religion is, at its best, a noble and beautiful one. Then why can it not, when traduced, behave like all other religions: why, can it not shrug off what is thought to be a stain on the Prophet? The Christians, the Jews, the Buddhists — these either shake their heads in wonder or sorrow or irritation at such insults, and get on with their devotions, very sensibly. So why should the Muslim faith apparently be so slender that it cannot abide a slur on its beliefs?

Mind, I am not saying that the boy in the headline *was* throwing dirt or doubt upon the Muslim religion. But suppose he was fouling a mosque, say: there are, to hand, rebukes of every kind and at all levels of severity, from a good smacking to a visit to a stern magistrate: why the death penalty? After all, any Pakistani has only to look around to see things which shame both Pakistan *and* its religion. What of the roughly 30,000 murders committed in Algeria and the Sudan in the name of the Prophet?

And as I write, I learn that the director of the Algerian National Theatre, Azeddine Medjoubi, has been murdered by these savages, though he had nothing to do with them, pro or con. But I do not get an answer to my question. (There is, of course, an issue of plain fear; no one could be called a coward just for keeping silent, when killers are on the prowl.)

But now let us look at that remarkable headline about Salamat Masih: "Boy faces death for graffiti slur on the Prophet". Strictly, the headlines should have read "Boy and man with same surname face death for graffiti slur on the Prophet", because the boy's companion is also charged. And indeed, the headline might have been even longer, because yet another of these people with the same name (Masih) was indicted, but he was helpfully murdered by the fanatics. Mind you, in any sane jurisdiction, no such case would be entertained, for the very good reason that the boy who was supposed to have scribbled blasphemous words on walls was illiterate. But fanatics rarely, if ever, think about logic.

I must pause here, to acknowledge the astounding courage of the boy's lawyer, Asma Jehangir, who, not content with the struggle in the law, is proud to be the head of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan. And then I learn that several leading Muslim lawyers have offered to defend the two, and an appeal has now been lodged in the High Court.

The truth, of course, in this madness, is that the fanatics will not be satisfied until every non-Muslim in Pakistan is driven out or murdered. There *are* sane figures among the leaders of the country, but very few are willing to speak, for the obvious reason that their lives would then be in danger.

Yet 97 per cent of the people of Pakistan already are Muslims. The 3 per cent hold various faiths, and you might think that such proportions mean that the minority would be left to pray to whom they wish, and for a time that was the case. Indeed, when the State of Pakistan was being established, the then national leader, Mohammad Ali Jinnah, spoke these remarkable words:

> You are free to go to your temples, you are free to go to your mosques or any other place of worship in this state of Pakistan. You may belong to any religion or caste or creed — that has nothing to do with the business of State.

Alas, Jinnah's wisdom did not last. Pakistan was made a Muslim state in 1956. Even then, fanaticism had not taken hold: the 1956 constitution guaranteed religious freedom to other sects. But gradually the freedom was whittled away, and when Zia-ul-Haq became President, the nation slid away from its promise. The blasphemy laws were, and are, terrifying for anyone falling foul of them, however gently. Here are a few transgressions which can bring the death sentence or life imprisonment:

> Defiling a place of worship; acts insulting religion or religious beliefs [in practice, this means only the Muslim religion]; insults against Islam by imputation or innuendo; defiling the Koran: derogatory remarks in respect of the Holy Prophet . . . Furthermore, blasphemy, in Pakistan, comes under what is called a "cognisable" offence, which means that the police can automatically arrest and imprison anyone who has been accused of it.

Now where does the Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto, fit into all this? She is being careful not to *do* anything with her power, particularly since she said that she was saddened, unhappy and shocked about the death sentence, and found that the clerics had immediately filed contempt of court charges for saying even that. But in general, again and again, she has proclaimed a lessening of the strict Sharia law, and then ducked her promise. Nor should we blame her too much: she understands that she walks an Islamic rightrope, and she would have to be very forgetful to make a bad slip and be threatened by the fanatics, for she has herself spent time in prison. It was no rhetoric when she said: "I wear the scars on my soul of the abuse of basic human rights. Thus, I view opposition through the eyes of the victim."

Yes, but very recently there was a conference in Vienna which discussed international human rights. Pakistan sent delegates, though not before they had got together more than 20 Islamic states — a massive weight in the scales — and it was thought that Pakistan, in such an assembly, would announce a new and generous attitude. No such announcement was made, and when David Littman, one of the leading figures in the International Fellowship of Reconciliation, asked the Pakistani delegation point-blank whether a man or woman should be put to death for blasphemy against Islam, the Pakistanis refused to answer. And the Prime Minister has said point-blank that she will not repeal the blasphemy laws: the farthest she will go is to seek support from political parties to amend the legislation. They won't, of course, if only because when, last year, the Minister for Law proposed *minor* amendments to the blasphemy legislation, the fanatics put a £25,000 price on his head and the Prime Minister quietly "forgot" the entire idea.

Which brings me back to Salamat Masih, the 14-year-old boy who was supposed to write blasphemous statements but could not write a word. The court authorities taught him just as much as he needed to sign his name, and in doing so he might have written his death-warrant. His co-defendant, Rehmat Masih, is also under threat of execution. (He was a relatively wealthy farmer, whose property has now been confiscated, and all the 14 members of the family are living in a two-bed house, afraid to return to the village, lest they be killed as well.) When the actual executions — mere killings, in brutal truth — will be carried out we do not know; if the sentences are commuted, they will almost certainly be commuted to life imprisonment.

I come back to where I started. What is there in the Muslim religion that makes those who hold to it apparently so afraid of rejection? I know of no other religion that fears to put itself into the challenge, and it is ironic that the religion which seems to be the most fragile is — in its fanatic side, at least — by far the most cruel, violent and mad.

But we must behave as though we are facing a rational and loving faith, if we are to join ourselves to the very many pleas for clemency in Pakistan. The boy couldn't write and didn't, but just suppose that he could and did; it would be a very unpleasant thing to do, no doubt, but young boys, perhaps high-spirited, often do unpleasant things without thinking.

Yet I do not know of any other culture which kills them.

I do not know whether the pleas for clemency that are now piling up throughout the world and being transmitted to Pakistan are loosening the bonds of cruelty, as I fervently hope, or perhaps instead — terrible thought — stiffening the Pakistanis' resolve. The leaders of that country must know that if it is the latter, there will be a revulsion against Pakistan so deep, so long-lasting and so conclusive that the mere name of their country will hardly be heard without being accompanied by a spit. But if clemency holds the day, Pakistan's name will be entwined with a peal of bells.

Philip Howard



■ If the young watch sport rather than playing it, their aggression finds other outlets

Nothing like a football riot to excite the English and expand our vocabulary. We (secretly) love (other men's) violence, projecting onto it our own frustrations. One has to listen to only one shock-jock rant-in to hear the bottled rage that sometimes explodes in crowd hysteria.

Football may have become a sport run by fat foxes, played by rich lions, commented on by squeaking budgerigars, and watched by infuriated sheep which sometimes stampede and break up their stalls — but the rise of the animal rights rioters has reduced the sting of zoological metaphor. A few comparisons of England football fans to vermin are current, but "animal" has ceased to be a politically acceptable insult, when animals are perceived as victims not vicious.

"Thug" comes from the Sanskrit *sthaga*, a cheat, because the 19th-century gangs of Indian Thugs would pretend to make friends with their victims before mugging them. Popular etymology derives "hooligan" from an Irishman, Patrick Houlihan, and his family who "enlivened the drab monotony of Southwark" in the 1890s. His headquarters was the Lamb and Flag. "It is certain that he lived in Irish Court, that he was employed as a chucker-out at various resorts in the neighbourhood. Moreover, he could do more than his share of tea-leafing. Finally, one day he had a difference with a constable and put his light out." The first printed reference is from the *Daily Telegraph* of 1898, when a man coincidentally called Lineker, "described as a Hooligan, set upon an inoffensive man".

However, the original football hooligans were English not Irish. (The Irish behave like gentlemen at Lansdowne Road for soccer or rugby.) According to legend, the Anglo-Saxons defeated a Viking raiding party at Kingston-upon-Thames in the 8th century, and celebrated their victory by playing a grudge match with the Viking chief's head. That was the last full international to be staged at the Kingston ground, where modern teams are like an old bra: no cups and precious little support. But from that primitive football riot onwards, ineffectual legislation is recorded against football hooligans. In 1314, Edward II banned football: "Forasmuch as there is great noise in the city caused by hustling over large balls, from which many evils may arise, which God forbid, we command and forbid, on behalf of the King, on pain of imprisonment, such game to be used in the city in future."

Frequent statutes banning football followed the English game down the centuries, partly because of its hooligan violence, and partly because it distracted young men from sports such as archery, which were useful for military service. In 1514, *The Boke of the Governour*, the first treatise on education in English, described football as "nothing but beastlie furie and extreme violence". Philip Stubbes, the Norman Tebbit of the day, declared in his populist column called *The Anatomie of Abuses*, that football encouraged "fighting, brawling, contention, quarrel-picking, murder, homicide and great effusion of blood, as experience daily teacheth". The Puritans banned the game, though Oliver Cromwell played centre half as an undergraduate at Sidney Sussex.

Hooligans and football go together like testosterone and trouble. Young men need violent exercise as players not spectators, otherwise some of them will make their own anti-social violence. When the ancient world turned to spectator sport in the hippodrome instead of exhausting participatory sport in the gymnasium, trouble followed. In a riot at the races in Constantinople, supporters of the greens massacred 3,000 of their blue adversaries because of sporting violence, alcohol, betting, excitement and dislike of losing. The riots spread and the foundations of the imperial government were shaken. When the Emperor Justinian, who had supported the blue faction, died, his successor tried to restore peace to the terraces with the announcement: "Ye blues. Justinian is no more! Ye greens, he is still alive!" But even that menacing headline could not stop the hooligans.

Flight of fancy

HOW HEARTENING to see that Air Chief Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson, who was forced to take early retirement after the extravagant renovation of his official residence, has a project to occupy himself. He is going to renovate his home in Stow-on-the-Wold.

A planning application has been submitted to Cotswold District Council for up to £100,000-worth of work on his Georgian Grade II listed house. It may be a snip when set against the £387,000 he spent overhauling his official Ministry of Defence house in Gloucestershire (£33,000 went on curtains alone), but the council is taking an interest.

A planning officer is to visit the house today. "A conservation architect is going to have a look as well," says a council spokeswoman. "We will just be interested to see if any of the new features overlook neighbouring properties, but it looks as though everything will fit with the original building."

Sir Sandy hopes to bash holes in the walls to install new arch windows, knock down partition walls and create a new bathroom and dressing room. A canopy of sorts will be erected over the main doorway. His office had no comment yesterday, but Sir Sandy is expected to move back into the house, which is currently rented, when he leaves the RAF in April.

Brace up

A LESSON to those MPs who still believe that they are at their peak of physical fitness: Sir James Spicer, chairman and founder of the Commons gym, is incapacitated after an impulsive jump off a 5ft wall.

Spicer has been rigged up to a metal frame in recent weeks with his arm suspended vertically on a platform; his neck is in a brace.

"Just a small error of judgment," he tells me, still confident that he knows his limitations. "I'm an excellent sportsman. I'm still finding it difficult to move, but next week I'll be back in training for the Lords versus Commons swimming match this summer. I've competed for fifteen years, and I refuse to miss it even if I have to doggy paddle."

● *Spectators peppered by the rogue drives of George Bush and Gerald Ford when they played golf with President Clinton on Wednesday should have heeded Bob Hope, who made up the foursome. As he once said: "We have 51 golf courses in Palm Springs, but Gerald never decides which course to play until after his first tee shot."*



All-too briefs

COMPLAINTS have been voiced by members of the Nolan committee, sitting to investigate standards in public life after allegations that our elected representatives accept cash to ask questions in Parliament. They say they are not getting their briefing papers in sufficient time to prepare for a thorough interrogation of witnesses.

"The trouble is that they receive the papers just 12 hours before they have to interview the witnesses," says a source. "They don't have time to read them." Perhaps the pennypinching Civil Service might care to lash out on this occasion. Though it may be anathema to cost-cutting mandarins, committee members suggest that rather than sending papers by post, it might consider motorbike couriers.

Quick change

DOUGLAS HURD, the Foreign Secretary, has a new English tweed coat to replace his trademark Loden coat. I understand that his wife, Judy, has also enjoyed a wardrobe overhaul.

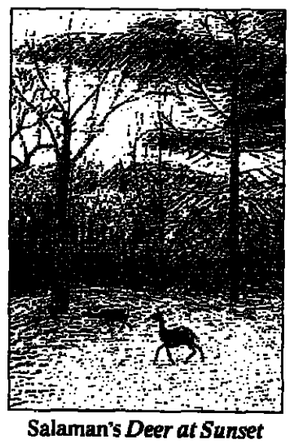
She was seen the other day leaving the elegant portals of Caroline Charles's shop in Bond Street bearing suits from the new collection. Caroline Charles's quintessentially English designs are favoured by the Princess of Wales. "They are subtle, well-cut and this season's colours are lilac, yellow and beige," explains my man on the catwalk. "She uses fabrics like chiffon and silk herringbone." Word is that Judy Hurd found the "grand occasion dress" for the Queen's forthcoming visit to South Africa.

Late show

SIR ALEC GUINNESS was suffering first-night nerves yesterday. Not that he had the star turn: it was his wife of 57 years who stole the show. The event was an exhibition of paintings at Knightsbridge's Crane Calman gallery, and Merula Salaman (a.k.a. Lady Guinness) was one of those showing.

"I started painting when I was about three, and I've continued ever since," she explained, adding that her husband occasionally followed in her brushstrokes.

Andras Calman, who put on the show (which includes works by others unknown as artists, including the Earl of Antrim) believes that Salaman's art has appeal. "We've already sold a painting to an anonymous admirer. But she's very modest. When she first came in with her portfolio, she was as shy as a schoolgirl."



Salaman's *Deer at Sunset*

● *So many have fallen victim to 'flu at the Royal Opera House recently that before the performance of* Der Rosenkavalier *on Wednesday, a member of staff walked on stage to announce they were in the unusual position of having a complete and healthy cast.*

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SANTER'S IN-TRAY

It needs a run past the Brussels shredder

The new European Commission's 1995 work programme would not win a "plain English" prize. Nor does it convincingly bear out Jacques Santer's confident statement to the European Parliament this week that "Acting less is something we can do." Were this a political manifesto, sceptics who despair of rolling back intervention by Brussels would have plenty of ammunition.

Barely a cranny of human activity is left unexplored in this document, from the legal definition of what constitutes a small business to legislation governing the permissible level of excavator noise emissions. The text is also a tissue of ambiguities. It is hard, for example, to imagine a more intrusive, or more wide-ranging, extension of the Commission's remit than the proposal to set up a system to monitor job creation in the European Union's member states — unless that means no more than a drive to encourage greater labour market flexibility.

As for Mr Santer's boast that there are 52 "new priority legislative proposals" for this year, compared with 180 in 1990, it would be scandalous were matters otherwise: 1990 was the peak period for legislation on the single EU market. The Commission, he said, will put forward for debate no fewer than 21 programmes and action plans this year, and 67 Green or White Papers. The mind reels.

This was Mr Santer's first opportunity to set the tone for his new Commission. He could have made an unequivocal pledge to act in the spirit of the 1992 Edinburgh summit, vetting every Brussels initiative, past, pending and planned, to see whether action at Community level was really necessary. Instead, he contented himself at Strasbourg with the usual promises to apply "the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality". His welcome statement that Brussels must "simplify and streamline" legislation has to be set against his declared determination to implement with all possible speed more than 100 proposals left by Jacques Delors in the EU in-tray. Failure to do so, he intoned without so much as a bow in the direction of the shredder, would be "very damaging to Europe's image".

Yet it would be premature to write off Mr Santer's credentials, established during his years as Prime Minister of Luxembourg, as a deregulator and convinced proponent of the liberal free market economy. In the first place, the 1995 programme is to a large extent treaty-driven, and should not be read as a political manifesto. His remarks about keeping to the timetable for monetary union should be understood in that light, and are more neutral than they appear: the Commission's President is duty-bound to implement what was laid down at Maastricht.

Secondly, for all Mr Santer's resort to indirection in his speech, there is a distinct lack of enthusiasm for social regulation in this document — at least by comparison with those of the Delors years. In Brussels itself, the new Commission is full of deregulatory enthusiasm, from telecommunications to transport. An important exception is media policy, including "action for the information content industry". This should have no place on the Santer agenda. But even there, it is encouraging that despite French pressure, the Delors strategy for limiting the non-European content of television programmes appears to be headed for the shelf.

Mr Santer has promised a full debate on priorities within the Commission, though not before October, and asked to be "judged on what it does and not on what it says". He has, however, barely hinted at his policies on the issues which really matter — beginning with eastward enlargement of the EU and its essential corollary, overhaul of the common agricultural policy. His "watch my feet, not my mouth" approach may be politically prudent at this stage, but it can only be a holding action. Mr Santer says that ordinary people ought to be in a position to offer opinions "on where Europe ought to be going", and that they must therefore be able to "understand what is going on". A programme that cannot be deciphered without a doctorate in Eurocode is not a good start.

FOUL PLAY IN DUBLIN

The authorities are not powerless to stop England's hooligans

Michael Howard could not be accused of hyperbole yesterday when he described those who engineered an abandonment of England's match against Ireland as "outcasts who bring shame on Britain". Yet as English football licks the wounds inflicted by a small corps of criminals at Lansdowne Road in Dublin, the Home Secretary must also waste no time in defeating the despondent view that the authorities are powerless to prevent a recurrence.

There is now talk of the possible loss to England next year of the European Football Championships: this talk must be dismissed. Quite apart from the difficulty of staging the event elsewhere at short notice, no country can boast a crowd record free from blemish. UEFA, the game's European governing body, is also certain to refuse to be held to ransom by a frenzied fringe.

Violence by those purporting to be supporters of the game is not a phenomenon to which English football is unaccustomed. The problem reached its peak in the early 1980s. The Government, in response, adopted a number of measures which have led to a decline in violence at matches in Britain. Alcohol was banned from all grounds in 1985. The 1986 Public Order Act made provision for the exclusion from league matches of those convicted of offences against public order. The 1991 Football Offences Act and the introduction of surveillance cameras have also reduced the incidence of criminal behaviour at football grounds.

The seemingly intractable problem, however, is that of the behaviour of England supporters abroad. There is already a statutory provision empowering the courts to prevent convicted hooligans from travelling to matches in other countries. But such safeguards are worthless in the case of known trouble-makers who have not as yet secured a criminal record. It is on this threat that Mr Howard must now focus attention.

Since 1990, the activities of English football hooligans has been monitored by the Football Intelligence Unit (FIU). Their investigative work has created an invaluable data bank regarding such organised violent groups as Combat 18, believed to have been responsible for Wednesday's riot at Lansdowne Road. The FIU is thought to have passed on to the Garda in Dublin information which could have resulted in pre-emptive measures against those who wrought such havoc. Yet to blame the Irish authorities would be unwise. The truth is that not enough was done in Britain to ensure that the violence did not occur.

Ways can be found to prevent those identified as malevolent by the FIU from following England abroad. If the confiscation of passports is thought to be an infringement of their civil rights, then an accord must be reached by the Home Office with those carriers which are likely to be used for travel to matches. The companies concerned enjoy a right to refuse admission on board their craft to those they deem undesirable: a police presence at all ports of exit would act to advise them. There is need also for a more extensive use of common law powers to bind over those thought likely to commit a breach of the peace. Mr Howard must show that he has the will to stamp out this export of violence. Contrary to suggestions, he is far from powerless to do so.

SONG AND DANCE

London deserves the best opera and ballet, accessible for all

The future of opera and dance in London has become the subject of furious debate. Last month, the *Lyric Theatre Review* commissioned by the Arts Council set out proposals for the Royal Opera and English National Opera (ENO) which prompted approval and anger in almost equal measure. Some have taken the view that the report was rushed and reflected a poorly concealed destructive agenda. It is worth considering why the report was so necessary and why its recommendations are essentially sensible.

The Royal Opera House and the Coliseum, where ENO is based, are both planning radical renovation programmes, with the unfortunate result that both will probably be closed simultaneously for 18 months before the end of 1999. When they reopen, there is a serious risk of over-capacity and empty seats. At present, 4,150 seats are available every night for dance and opera performances; if all London's redevelopment schemes go ahead, this will rise to 10,000. In addition, there is growing pressure for a permanent dance house in London. The Arts Council review team has had to respond to all these questions, which have become especially pertinent as the arts world awaits the first round of National Lottery money.

As the report says, "London contains a larger opera audience than can be satisfied by one house but not enough for two." The most radical answer to this problem would be to merge ENO and the Royal Opera and thus create an international opera company to compete with any other in the world. Instead, the Arts Council report recommends that ENO should stage fewer performances at the Coliseum and make its stage available to dance companies more frequently.

The need for the service provided by ENO is not in question. Since its formation in 1974, it has done much to popularise opera in this country by staging its performances in English and offering cheap tickets. Its extinction would be a terrible loss to the cultural life of the nation. The report's proposals, in contrast, would improve access to performance art in the capital. The need for opera in English has decreased since the introduction of surtitles. More importantly, the Coliseum is one of the best potential venues in London for dance. To modify the theatre's bill of fare accordingly would be an enlightened measure rather than — as some have claimed — an act of cultural vandalism.

As a *quid pro quo*, the Royal Opera House should look again at its ticket prices. ENO's top ticket price is about £50; the Royal Opera has charged more than £250 a seat. Not all enthusiasts share Covent Garden's view that exorbitantly high fees are worth paying. Equally, it might be worth directing some of the lottery's proceeds to ticket subsidy. Building on the Arts Council's report, the objective of the London arts establishment should be to make the provision of opera and dance efficient, accessible and good value.

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Cabinet divisions can be positive

From Mr Edmund Dell

Sir, In my view the real lesson of the Cabinet's public divisions on EMU ("Riddell on politics", February 15; report, February 16) is that the principle of collective Cabinet responsibility is not merely absurd. It is also counterproductive. Prime ministers and Cabinet secretaries like it because they think it gives coherence to a government. The evidence from the present controversies is that it does precisely the opposite.

Under the principle of collective responsibility, if a Cabinet minister makes a speech on EMU, he is stating the policy of the Government. As we know only too well, Mr Portillo does not agree that Mr Clarke, when he speaks on EMU, is stating the policy of the Government. Collective responsibility impels him, even before Mr Clarke has finished speaking, to claim that Mr Clarke has departed from some meaningless formula invented for the purposes of collective responsibility.

It is absurd to expect that any group of 20 presumably intelligent people would agree about a subject as difficult, and at the moment as hypothetical, as EMU. If Cabinet ministers are not permitted to say what they believe about EMU, it can only impoverish debate. Measured, and friendly, debate should be acceptable. On an issue like EMU, it should be actively promoted.

It is said that the British electorate does not like divided parties. I believe it is more sophisticated. Harold Wilson's last Government was in no way harmed by the dispensation from collective responsibility at the time of the referendum. What the British electorate does dislike is the feeling that ministers cannot tolerate honest debate, that they are personally hostile to one another, that they question each other's patriotism, and find it necessary to jump dismissively on their colleagues in public as soon as they open their mouths.

The question in any government is whether its members are prepared to work together in a tolerant atmosphere despite inevitable disagreements. There are democratic systems in the world in which governments are not bound by the principle of collective responsibility. Their members often disagree but, provided they want to work together, the governments survive and the electorates understand.

Yours faithfully,
EDMUND DELL
(Secretary of State for Trade, 1976-78),
4 Reynolds Close, NW11.
February 16.

Sark and Brussels

From the Deputy of the People, Sark Chief Pleas

Sir, At a recent meeting of Sark Chief Pleas (the island's parliament) we were asked to ratify various pieces of legislation arising as a result of the Maastricht treaty. Having received no reply from the Home Office to our request for clarification of the long-term implications, and also suffering a shortage of constitutional lawyers among our 500 population, it was unanimously decided to refuse to do so.

We are aware of course that in matters of defence and foreign affairs Westminster can overrule our decisions. Ironically, we are now preparing to celebrate the passing of 50 years since the end of the German occupation of the island (1940-45), that occupation being the result of another Westminster decision on our behalf.

This island is not eligible for any grants or assistance from the European Union but is being forced to accept ever-increasing directives from Brussels which we neither want nor need and certainly cannot afford.

It seems likely that Sark is to be repaid for over 400 years of loyalty to the Crown by the loss of its unique lifestyle due to the indifference of Westminster in the face of Europe's headlong race towards conformity.

Yours etc,
PHILIP M. STOKES,
Deputy of the People,
Sark Chief Pleas,
Rose Cottage, Sark, CI.
February 14.

War widows

From Major-General R. S. N. Mans

Sir, Lord Boyd-Carpenter's call (letter, February 13) for the Government to commemorate our victory in World War II by making a generous increase in war widows' pensions should command widespread support. However, may I suggest that such a gesture should extend to those many veterans and their dependants who in their advanced years still have to rely on charity to provide basic necessities of life.

As the chairman of trustees of a service welfare charity I receive a constant stream of calls for assistance. Many of the cases are heartrending.

This commemorative year should surely be the occasion when the Government makes a root and branch review of the treatment of surviving veterans and the widows of those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Yours sincerely,
ROWLEY MANS,
Ivy Bank Cottage, Vinegar Hill,
Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire.

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Ideal resources for opera and dance

From Mr Humphrey Burton

Sir, Melvyn Bragg's spirited defence of the English National Opera ("Stop sniping at the Coliseum", February 10) was appropriately robust for a former ENO board member. May I add two points to the debate.

The first concerns the status of the ENO and the role of its permanent home, the London Coliseum. A wounded Dennis Stevenson (letter, February 15) swears, hand on heart, that he was not brought in to undervalue the ENO, yet its general director, Dennis Marks, has already complained about the second-class status conferred upon his company by the report.

Mr Stevenson's quartet of individuals, none of them directly involved with opera, floats the idea that ENO's main house activities should be cut back to 185 performances a year — little more than seven months out of 12. This cannot be presented as anything other than a significant diminution of the role of a national company.

The merit of the Coliseum for dance was well known when the theatre was made the home of Sadler's Wells Opera back in 1968 and it had not diminished when the theatre's freehold was acquired in 1992 with government support. (It was David Mellor's finest hour.)

The Coliseum certainly remains a splendid venue for dance, as we saw last Christmas with the Birmingham Royal Ballet's *Nutcracker*, but it is equally admirable for opera — witness the current production of *King Priam*. It would be inequitable and unethical so far as ENO's workforce is concerned if the company, Britain's senior opera company, were now to be forced to cut back unduly on its mainstream activities to make room for dance.

My second point is even more fundamental. The National Lottery is generating new funds for the arts far in excess of expectation. Given this immense windfall, Stevenson's committee should have explored the possibility of building a new theatre complex capable of housing both opera and dance in two auditoria, a large theatre for around 2,500 spectators and a smaller studio theatre for 600 to 800.

This type of "grand project" would symbolise a creative rather than a patching-up approach to the millennium. For architects, designers, engineers and technicians (as well as performers) it would represent a positive challenge, not merely an act of refurbishment. I have nothing against restoration and modernisation, but the spirit of the age requires more than the bolstering up of the status quo. The new theatre could be run by a board representing the national companies and other major Arts Council clients.

The argument that there is not a big enough public in the capital to sustain two opera companies and two dance companies (one of them away touring for much of the year) is unnecessarily pessimistic. Supply (of good work) creates demand. Consider the success of the LSO at the Barbican, an arts centre which did not exist until 1982. What deters audiences at present is the expense, particularly at the Royal Opera, and the inconvenience, notably the inadequate parking in the area.

A new theatre, strategically situated, would serve as a 21st-century "Crystal Palace" for all lovers of the performing arts (at which the British excel) and a beacon for the regional and overseas visitors who currently come to London for the theatre but much less obviously for the ballet and opera.

Mr Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for National Heritage and a millennium commissioner himself, should not even contemplate a visit to the cinema until he has given a lead on this vital issue.

Yours faithfully,
HUMPHREY BURTON,
123 Oakwood Court, W14.
February 15.

Air 'resignation'

From Colonel G. T. Spate (retd)

Sir, Whatever the rights and wrongs of spending some £387,000 on the renovation of Haymes Garth, the home of Air Chief Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson (letters, February 14), should we not query the expenditure of some £100,000 of taxpayers' money to KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountants commissioned by the Government to inquire into that expenditure?

Surely there exist within the Ministry of Defence auditors capable of determining whether or not such refurbishment costs are excessive. If they do not exist within the MoD, or elsewhere within the corridors of Whitehall, then one must seriously question why not.

Much has been made of the apparent declaration by the Defence Secretary (report, February 10) that he no longer has confidence in Sir Sandy Wilson's judgment. Likewise, as a taxpayer I no longer have confidence in Mr Rifkind's.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
G. T. SPATE,
Kew Cottage, 165 Main Street,
Hockwold-cum-Wilton, Norfolk.
February 14.

From Dr P. T. Brown

Sir, Are we no longer able to enjoy the proper aura of success which should surround authority?

Most people would think the costs reported at Haymes Garth were quite reasonable for what has been accomplished. I have no doubt that Mr Rifkind has colleagues around the Cabinet table who have spent a good deal more on their physical and family comforts without ever having carried the isolated burden of real command or been subject to limitations of service housing provision throughout the whole of a career.

All senior service families and marriages are now subject to ingratitude and accountancy attack by implication. It is quite wrong, and a completely unnecessary stress upon those families.

Yours faithfully,
P. T. BROWN (Consulting and chartered occupational and clinical psychologist),
Mountnessing,
Weston Park, Bath, Avon.

From Sir Alan Muir Wood, FRS, FEng

Sir, I am struck by the assertion of Professor Sydney Brandon (letter, February 14) that our defence capability would be compromised if senior service officers had to clean their own shoes. I have never heard any allegation to the effect that our industrial decline has been advanced by their civilian counterparts having to address the same chores — and often those of their wives to boot!

One can only imagine that some relic of medieval fagging in Professor Brandon's university spares him from the common tasks — or perhaps he has joined the band of those who no longer wear footwear recognisable as shoes.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN MUIR WOOD,
Franklands, Pangbourne, Berkshire.
February 15.

Football hooligans

From Father Tony Clements

Sir, Having just watched mindless English hooligans ruin the Ireland-England soccer match, it is clear that when it comes to the abolition of passport controls, our fellow Europeans have most to lose.

Yours faithfully,
TONY CLEMENTS,
Tamarisk House, Cockthorpe,
Wells next the Sea, Norfolk.
February 15.

From Mr Joe Haines

Sir, Perhaps one lesson to be drawn from the riot at Lansdowne Road is that Ireland is, at present, the one foreign country to which the British hooligan can travel without a passport.

Yours faithfully,
JOE HAINES,
1 South Frith,
London Road, Southborough, Kent.
February 16.

Coronary recovery

From Mrs Mavis Done

Sir, Whilst I have no information about the fund-raising activities of coronary bypass patients, I can assure Sheriff Palmer (letter, February 15) that he will not be the first heart-attack victim to cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats. My son did this in 1983, after the fitting of his pacemaker, and raised some £13,000 for the British Heart Foundation.

Yours faithfully,
MAVIS DONE,
39 Dijon Avenue, York.

Back pain

From Mr Chris Turner

Sir, I was interested to read that "people with back pain should grin and bear it", according to a Finnish study (News in brief, later editions, February 10).

It should be pointed out that this study assessed only 186 people. A recent UK report by the Clinical Standards Advisory Group, commissioned by the Department of Health, assessing back pain and its treatment in the NHS during 1993, found that the longer some people were left without effective treatment the longer they took to get better.

It is true that back pain sometimes does get better on its own. Unfortunately, often only the symptoms go away and not the problem, leaving it to recur.

The CSAG report concluded that back pain is on the increase and costs the UK £5.6 billion in lost production, benefits and medical care each year, and recommended early referral to chiropractors, osteopaths and manipulative physiotherapists.

Chiropractors have been treating people with back pain by manipulation since 1895. A Medical Research Council trial in 1990, after comparing its effectiveness with out-patient hospital treatment, suggested it should be made available on the NHS.

Yours sincerely,
CHRIS TURNER,
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Move to end live calf exports

From the Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Sir, I was standing by in the House to reply to Mr Eric Martlew's Bill aimed at banning the export of calves which might be destined for veal crates, had it been reached last Friday (Mr Martlew's letter, February 10). I would have said that, although the Government was sympathetic to the underlying intentions of the Bill, we would have been obliged to oppose it for the following legal reasons:

1. A directive on welfare standards for calves is already in place, and its terms would preclude member states from introducing export restrictions.
2. Article 36 of the Treaty of Rome can in some circumstances justify export restrictions, on the grounds of the protection of health and life of animals, which includes animal welfare. However, that article is only available to member states where there is no Community legislation governing the particular area. This is not the case here, given the directive on welfare standards.
3. It is highly likely that measures banning or restricting the export of calves would constitute an unacceptable interference with the operation of the common agricultural policy.
4. A complete ban on all calf exports could not in any event be justified under article 36, because it would be deemed to be disproportionate.

In addition to the grave legal difficulties of justifying selective restrictions, they would present severe practical problems of enforcement.

The Government does recognise that there is very real public concern about the live export trade, but we believe that to secure the real improvements that we all want to see, we need to act at the European level. We are therefore making representations to all member states in an effort to build an alliance of countries who will join us in pressing for a swift end to the veal-crate system.

There are already signs that public awareness of the issues is starting to grow and will work in our favour. The Community route offers us the chance to improve animal welfare across Europe: I am sure that is a goal to which Mr Martlew would subscribe.

Yours faithfully,
ANGELA BROWNING,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food,
Whitehall Place, SW1.
February 10.

From Mr John Copeman

Sir, Brigitte Bardot's remark at the funeral of Jill Phipps explains why many people distrust the animal rights movement (report, February 15). I am against cruelty to animals, but it cannot be right to say "Animal life is as important as human life".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN COPEMAN,
5 Links Drive,
Solihull, West Midlands.
February 15.

A French view

From Mr Michael Ridley

Sir, I was interested to see the illustration of the painting by Derain titled *Le Pont de Westminster* (c.1906) in John Russell Taylor's article, "Encounters with aliens" (February 8).

I do not know the work, but the bridge in the painting must, I think, be not Westminster but the Hungerford railway bridge which leads into Charing Cross.

The scene is familiar, as it corresponds exactly with the view from this office.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RIDLEY
(Clerk of the Council),
Duchy of Lancaster Office,
Lancaster Place, Strand, WC2.
February 9.

From Mr Denis Moss

Sir, John Russell Taylor is quite right to describe Derain's vision as "transformed". The illustration shows London traffic advancing on the right-hand side of the road.

Yours sincerely,
DENIS MOSS,
31 Brankgate Court, Lapwing Lane,
West Didsbury, Manchester 20.
February 8.

Out of character

From Mr John McMurray

Sir, Let us hope Matthew Parris ("Antonio and Giovanni hit a low note", February 8) has a greater grasp of politics than he does of the operatic repertory.

In *Lucia di Lammermoor* Arturo is stabbed by Lucia; she dies, traditionally, of a broken heart; and Edgardo stabs himself. Nobody is poisoned. And Tony Blair's "light and engaging" tenor would surely struggle with the baritone roles of Iago, Scarpia and Alberich (the two latter almost low enough to be bass roles).

The pickaxe-wielding Allan Stewart might make a good Rocco however, digging Florestan's grave in *Fidelio*.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN McMURRAY
(General Manager),
Portland Wallis Artists' Management,
50 Great Portland Street, W1.
February 8.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 16: His Excellency Monsieur François Nordmann was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Swiss Confederation to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Herr Robert Reich (Minister), Colonel Walter Ritzmann (Defence Attaché), Monsieur Jacques de Watteville (Counsellor, Economic and Financial), Herr René Schaetti (Counsellor, Cultural Affairs and Press), Herr Eduard Jaun (Attaché, Head of Consular Section), Herr Roland Ziegler (Counsellor, Economic Affairs), Herr Josef Koch (Attaché, Commercial), and Frau Marianna Cabalzar (Attaché, Cultural).

Madame Nordmann was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, received Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey Sheldon upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, and Lieutenant Colonel Grahame Flood upon assuming the appointment.

Her Majesty, Colonel-in-Chief, also received Colonel Brian Pickup, Commanding Officer, 4th Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

Commodore Anthony Morrow was received by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh upon his appointment as Commodore Royal Yachts.

Dr Nigel Southward was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, University of Cambridge, this evening attended a Reception to mark the publication of Cambridge University Press's Cambridge International Dictionary of English at St James's Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
February 16: The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning visited Favourbrook, Piccadilly Arcade, Jermyn Street, London, SW1.

Her Royal Highness, President, the Chartered Institute of Transport, this afternoon attended a section meeting and visited the new Control Tower, Luton Airport, and was received by Colonel John Rose (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Victim Support Schemes, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended a Fund-raising Dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London W1.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 16: The Prince of Wales this morning received members of the Choir from Crenshaw High School, Los Angeles.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 16: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited BCE Cellular Extrusions Limited, Exmoor Avenue, Skippingdale Industrial Park, Scunthorpe, and was met on arrival by Mr Robert Holtby (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Humberside).

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a lunch and exhibition, the Buttercross, Market Place, Brigg, and later opened the Louis Pearlman Business Centre, Goulton Street, Hull, Humberside.

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Aidan Sprot at the funeral of Brigadier Jock Balharrie at Kensaleyre Kirk, Isle of Skye, this afternoon.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Leeds Market Buildings at 9.30; will visit Minsthorpe High School and Community College, Pontefract at 10.55; will visit Dean Clough, Halifax at 12.20; and Farnell Electronics, Leeds, at 2.50.

The Earl and Countess of Selkirk

The Memorial Service for the Earl and Countess of Selkirk will be held at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London, SW1, on Wednesday, February 22, 1995, at 10.30am.

Lecture

English-Speaking Union
Sir Leon Brittan, QC, delivered the third in a series of lectures to the English-Speaking Union yesterday in the Locarno Room at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Baroness Brigstocke, chairman of the union, presided. Professor Alan Watson, Chairman of Burson-Marsteller, also spoke. Baroness Brigstocke and Mr Quentin Peel and Mr Martin Wolf of *The Financial Times* received the guests at a reception later.

Chairman

Professor Gareth Roberts, FRS, Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield University, to be chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom.

Luncheons

Farmers' Company
Alderman Sir Hugh and Lady Bidwell attended a livery luncheon of the Farmers' Company held yesterday at the Mansion House. Mr M.C. Foreman, Master, presided. The Master of the Butchers' Company, the Master of the Gardeners' Company and the President of the Farmers Club and their ladies were present.

Danish-UK Chamber of Commerce
The Chinese Ambassador was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Danish-UK Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at the Danish Club, Knightbridge. Mr James G. Davis, chairman of the chamber, was the host.

Dinners

Freemen of the City of London
Sir Colin Cole, Master, and Lady Cole were the hosts at a dinner of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London held last night at Armoury House. The Master and the Captain of the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers of the Honourable Artillery Company also spoke.

Chartered Institute of Building
The Archdeacon of London attended the annual dinner of the Chartered Institute of Building held on Tuesday at Guildhall. Mr Ma Yuzhen, Ambassador of China, proposed the toast to the institute and the loyal toast was proposed by Mr Colin Harding, president. Among others present were:
Representatives of HM Government, HM Forces, the City and the presidents and chief executives of professional institutions and trade associations within the building industry.

Memorial service

Colonel P.R. Adair
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Paul Robin Adair was held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev Roy McAllert, Chaplain to the Household Division, officiated. Mr Robert Adair, son, read the lesson and Mr William Martyn, step-son, read from John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. Colonel M.W.F. Maxse gave an address.

The Coldstream Guards was represented by Lieutenant-General the Hon Sir William Rous, Colonel of the Regiment.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Arcangelo Corelli, composer, Fusignano, Italy, 1653; Horace Benedict de Saussure, physicist, Geneva, 1740; René Laënnec, physician and inventor of the stethoscope, Quimper, France, 1781; Selwyn Image, painter, Bodiam, Sussex, 1849; Sir Edward German, composer, Whitchurch, Shropshire, 1862; A.B. (Banjo) Paterson, poet, journalist and author of *Waltzing Matilda*, Narambia, New South Wales, 1864.

DEATHS: Giordano Bruno, philosopher, burnt at the stake in Rome, 1600; Molière, playwright, Paris, 1673; James Macpherson, poet, Inverness, 1796; Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi, educator, Brugg, Switzerland, 1827; William Collins, landscape painter, London, 1847; John Martin, historical painter, Douglas, Isle of Man, 1854; Heinrich Heine, poet, Paris, 1856; John Braham, singer and composer, London, 1856; Henry Olcott, co-founder of the Theosophical Society, Madras, 1907; Geronimo, Apache leader, Port Sill, Oklahoma, 1908; Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canadian Prime Minister 1896-1911, Ottowa, 1918; Albert I, King of the Belgians 1909-34, killed in a climbing accident in the Ardennes, 1934; Hans Hofmann, Expressionist painter, New York, 1966; Shmuel Agnon, novelist, Nobel laureate 1966, Jerusalem, 1970; Graham Sutherland, painter, 1980.

Baron Karl von Drais de Sauerbrun patented the "draisine", the forerunner of the bicycle, 1818.

A bomb exploded at the Winter Palace, St Petersburg, in an attempt to assassinate Tsar Alexander II of Russia, 1880.

The first public experimental demonstration of Baird colour television was transmitted from Crystal Palace to the Dominion Theatre, London, 1938.

The British parliament voted to join the European Common Market, 1972.

Royal Astronomical Society

The society has made the following awards for 1995:
Gold medals: Professor Rashid A. Sunyaev, Space Research Institute, Moscow, and Sir John Houghton, former Chief Executive, Meteorological Office.
The Herschel medal: Professor G.R. Isaak, University of Birmingham.
The Jackson Gwilt medal and gift: Dr J.A. Mattei, American Association of Variable Star Observers.

Appointment in the Forces

Royal Navy
Rear Admiral I.D.G. Garnett to be promoted Vice Admiral and to be Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic in succession to Vice Admiral Sir Peter Abbott in August 1995.

Appointments

Mr Anthony Hooper, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Queen's Bench Division.
Mr Hugh Peter Derwyn Bennett, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Family Division.

Calls to the Bar

Inner Temple

P Clarke, Yarm, Cleveland; S H R Cole, London NW2; A C McDonald, Swanage, Dorset; J F M Worsley, London SW18; J Williamson, London SE7; S J Monaghan, Bexleyheath, Kent; K A Ferguson, Headington, Oxford; K Evangelou, London N7; R C Williams, Furneux Pelham, nr Buntingford, Hertfordshire; A M Evans, Hitchin, Hertfordshire; O H Osman, London N18; J A King, Salisbury, Wiltshire; K Tayler, Southampton; E C V Hudson, London E8; J McElroy, London SE4; I J Simkin, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire; C R Walledge, Torquay, Devon; J L Morley, London SE11; R D Preston, London N7; A N L Dawes, London WC1; G Y Nelson, Marlborough, Wiltshire; B Dove-Edwin, London SW17; A Lees, Orpington, Kent; T M D Bullimore, former solicitor, London N1; G K Downes, Queen's Council of the Australian Bar, Mosman, New South Wales.

Middle Temple

E V Burgess, Chichester, West Sussex; C F Florin, London NW5; R J De Guise, London SW19; M J Hackett, Preston, Lancashire; G De S Barit, Paget, Bermuda; M D Gorringe, Ruislip Gardens, Middlesex; A Mukherjee, London N4; S N O Williams, London W9; S L Thorne, London SE1; R McGary, London SW1; A Ahmed, London E1; E Dubicka, London SW12; F J Telfer, London E3; S J Strong, Winchelsea, East Sussex; H Barma, London NW8; G Smith, Bourdonne, France; C M Hale, Harborne, Birmingham; Z T Robinski, London SW6; J O Abai, London NW2; S P Lee, Pahang, Daril Makmur, Malaysia; M C Conroy, London SW11; R J Ladmore, London SW19; A P Francis, London N5; F J Hudgson, London W4.

Gray's Inn

I R Davies, Swansea; T D Scrantom, Isle of Palms, South Carolina, USA; M E Goggins, Northfield, Birmingham; G P S M Kent, Girne, Mersin, Turkey; B P Wright, Blackheath, London; H D Holden, Weardale, Co Durham; J A P Vater, Primrose Hill, London; D L Smith, Somerset Bridge, Bermuda; J M Jones, Cardiff; W J Ellis, Putney, London; I I Bsis, Shinfield, Reading, Berkshire; J D Collins, Crowcombe, Somerset; J B Higgo, Kingsley Green, Haslemere, Surrey; G A O'Connell, East Barnet, Hertford; O P Oakley-White, Winchester, Hampshire; G S Duncan, Calcot, Reading, Berkshire; J R Compton, Guildford, Surrey; M J Hughes, Formby, Merseyside; P M Clarke, Endon, Staffordshire; J P Dunstan, Birmingham; K J Quinlan, Croydon, Surrey; A A Baltaian, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire; T G Hart, St Saviour, Jersey; C P Brennan, St Helens, Merseyside; M C Dutchman-Smith, Penrith, Cumbria; Tziak-Chuen Wang, Golders Green, London; R J J Pierce, Jardine's Lookout, Hong Kong.

Lincoln's Inn

Dr J P Byrne, Datchet, Berkshire; G Connor, Chelmsford, Essex; A M V Wolanski, London W2; D J Pope, Edinburgh; A G Gordon, Wester Pittenoreich, Elgin, Morayshire; S M Z Bokhari, Sawston, Cambridgeshire; D L C Mann, Kingston St Mary, Taunton, Somerset; T F Morshead, London W8; M S O'Culachain, London W6; F A Davidson, Oldcotes, nr Worksop, Nottinghamshire; P Selvarajah, Ulu Klang, Selangor, Malaysia; Ling Lim Hong, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia; J A Mullan, Londonderry, Northern Ireland; J R Orme, Ballabeg, Castletown, Isle of Man; M K Saveriades, Omologites, Nicosia, Cyprus; Y Eshaghian, London W14.

D M P S Daly, London W1 (a member of the Bar of Johannesburg); G E Buckenham, Lincoln; S K Brohi, Woodford Green, Essex; N R Johnson, Knowle, Solihull, Warwickshire; R J E Morton, Chesham, Buckinghamshire; T A M Loftus, West Derby, Liverpool; A M M Rafferty, London SE17; S H Morgan, Shurlock Row, Berkshire; J Bertie, Widnes, Cheshire; A P Zachariadou, Nicosia, Cyprus; K Idris, London NW1; N L Brissett, Hayes, Middlesex; D L Lammy, London N17; A S Brown, Narborough, Leicester; G A Hockey, London E8; M A Smith, Egerton, Bolton.

Chartered Secretaries and Administrators

The following candidates qualified as graduates of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in the December 1994 examination series:

Adegebo O B; Adeya S; Adolphe G M T; Ajala A T; Allen G M; Alles I R A; Anumonye N K; Attipoe E; Ayorinde A N; Bailey A; Barker H E; Barker M J; Bartlett C; Bates W P; Beales S E; Beard R; Beecham D; Begley J B; Bell P A; Bello A K; Bishop S A; Blad T J; Bland M; Blewett J E; Blum D J; Booth C; Bowe N J; Browne N J; Buddington R V; Burns M; Byrne D J; Cahir M; Caldwell L E; Callister S M; Cameron S M; Carnachan C; Carter J L; Chandra S; Chaplin D J; Chua Y S; Coops T E C; Corcoran M A; Corkill A; Corrigan J C T; Cousens A J; Crankson F O; Cross J A; Cuthbert P F; Cutler S H; Darroch S; Davis J A S; Davis J A; Dawson G R; Dawson P R; De Alwis R M; De Miguel F M; De Silva E G; Deacon D I; Dennis J D; Dickson R I; Dosanjh D S; Drew M A; Dunn A; Dwomoh E A; Eaton N R; Ediru O S; Ellis S L; Emerton P G; Etoori M H; Eves R A; Fatusin A O; Fergusson E R; Ferris R B; Field L; Fieldwick R E; Fleming M; Forder P J; French J; Friend A R J; Gaffney C T; Garner H F L; Garner N K; Geddes T G; George A M; George G G; Gidney E F; Glover V G; Goulbourne S J; Graham K; Grant C E; Greenwood J E; Gyamfi G D; Hale S L; Hall I; Hanscomb H M; Hare B J; Hayer J C C; Heard T L; Heath J; Hennessy P T; Herbert G A; Herrtage J C P; Higgins P A; Hitchon M E; Hoggard T; Holden B T; Holmes J M; Horn C L; Houlker A D; Howe A C; Humpage P; Hussey A B; Jack J; Jans A; Jappy J F; Jessiman I; Jones J E; Jones M D A; Joseph M D; Kachete D Y; Kakuba D M; Kane J S; Karuppanan M; Keane D; Kelly M; Kendall S; Kushaba G N; Lacey P K; Lader J; Langran J; Langworth M P A; Lau Shuk Yin R; Le Page K R; Lebeter J; Lee R; Leeming S J; Lefever C J; Lewis M; Lewney C B; Likongwe P C; Little C; Lloyd M L; Lyons S; Maher D; Markey B L; Markham U; Martin S E; Massey L J; Matthews D; McCarthy E M; McDonald B A; McGowan S; McManus J C; Melling C E; Michael A P; Mooney P A; Moore W H; Mosha L Z; Moss N F; Mould S G; Mullen J E; Mullins J M; Murrey N; Musoke S; Newman S; Ngock M A; Nicholson C; Noel J V; O'Connor F; O'Neill K; O'Sullivan G P D; Obeng S J; Ococ G E; Ofosu-Brewu S; Okereke C M; Oladipo O O A; Omojokun O M; Oppong J N; Orenstein J; Osborne S L; Paines M; Paldano C A; Palmer J A; Panditharatne N; Parson S A; Parsons J C D; Paton R A; Pearce D J; Pearce J L; Pearce M J; Pearson S; Penfold S J; Penny D M; Perkins J; Piddock R J; Pietersz F G; Pinto-Jayawardena D S; Popat M; Port I M; Price J; Ramlal C H; Reynolds S J; Ricaud B A-M; Riches D C; Richmond S A; Roberts M; Robinson M S; Roche J J; Ross P R W; Rouget I D; Saffell C B; Sampson P J; Scully T M; Shah B A; Shah P R; Shaw D; Sheehan M M F; Singleton J; Skipp J M; Smith J A; Smith M L; Smith P G H; Smith T L; Smith T I; Smyth T A; Spring D; Stabler D; Stephenson W K; Stevenson S M; Stoddart E M; Stuttaford P A; Style H; Tan Yin Ling C A-M; Tavendale W A; Taylor A C; Taylor A R; Taylor D A; Thobani F; Thomas J L; Till J E; Tindall C M; Topping T M; Tribble S A; Turner I C; Turner K B; Turvey R E G; Tushabomwe-Kazooba C N; Uvieghara O A; Vaughan A; Waiyaki E W; Walker A J; Walker S J; Wall J C; Wan S S M; Waters Y; Watson H A M; Watson M; Wearing S; Welford L; White T S; Wickramarachi D N; Wilkins B J; Williams C; Willmott T; Wilson J E; Windsor F; Wong L H; Wood J H; Wordi A; Wright M W; Wynn G R; Yeo H S; Young M; Yuill W G H



Angela Eagle, MP, is 34 today

Birthdays today

Sir Derek Andrews, civil servant, 62; Mr Alan Bates, actor, 61; Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP, 61; Dr Gordon Cook, president, Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 63; the Earl of Dundonald, 34; the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT, 71; Lord Foot, 86; Mr Bernie Grant, MP, 51; Mr Douglas Hoyle, MP, 65; Mr Barry Humphries, entertainer and author, 61; Sir Gordon Jones, chairman, Yorkshire Water, 68; Mr R.P. Kennedy, Head Master, Highgate School, 46; Miss Julia McKenzie, actress and singer, 54; General Sir John Mogg, 82; Sir Orby Mootham, former Chief Justice, Allahabad, 94; Mr Norman Pace, comedian, 42; Dr Claire Palley, former Principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 64; Sir Reginald Pullen, former receiver-general, Westminster Abbey, 73; Mrs Ruth Rendell, crime novelist, 65; Miss Patricia Routledge, actress, 66; Mr Michael Shersby, MP, 62; Lord Slynn of Hadley, 65; Commandant Mary Talbot, former director, WRNS, 73; Mr Elleston Trevor, author, 74; Sir Anthony Wilson, former accountancy adviser to HM Treasury, 67.

The Queen's Anniversary Prizes

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, presented the gold prizes and certificates of The Queen's Anniversary Prizes national awards scheme to 21 universities and colleges at Buckingham Palace on February 9.

The Princess Royal, the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, attended a reception for the prize-winning institutions held in the evening at Guildhall. The Prime Minister was the guest of honour. Lord Younger of Prestwick, Chairman of the Royal Anniversary Trust, and Lady Younger, and Mr Robin Gill, founder trustee and chairman of the executive, and Mrs Gill were the hosts. The Prime Minister, Lord Younger and Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, FRS, were the speakers. The Lord Chancellor and the Commonwealth Secretary-General, members of both Houses of Parliaments, representatives of the prize-winning institutions and overseas visitors were among those present.

Latest wills

The Right Hon Richard John Bingham, 7th Earl of Lucan, who died on or since November 8, 1974, left settled estate valued at £146,976.

Lady Jean Mary Carr, of London SW1, widow of Sir William Elmsley Carr, left estate valued at £4,050,846 net.
She left £5,000 each to the Police Convalescence and Rehabilitation Appeal Trust and the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr R.M. Bracewell and Dr A.B. Vernallis
The engagement is announced between Robert Martyn, son of Dr and Mrs Brian Bracewell, of Rhyl, Clwyd, and Ann Beatrice, youngest daughter of the late Dr Francis Vernallis and of Dr Margaret Vernallis, of Los Angeles, California.

Rear-Admiral A.J. Cooke and Miss P.S. Stewart-Hodges
The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place in September, between Tony Cooke and Trisha Stewart-Hodges.

Mr J.A. Craggs and Miss R. Mallett
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs H.T. Craggs, of Canterbury, Kent, and Rosanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.A. Mallett, of Lurley, Devon.

Mr E.A.L. Dunlop and Miss R.S. Mellen
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs John Dunlop, of House On The Hill, Arundel, Sussex, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr William Mellen, of Moores Farm, West Farndon, Daventry, Northamptonshire, and of Mrs Karin Dobbie, of Hambleton House, Woodditton, Newmarket, Suffolk.

Mr R.A.B. Guy and Ms J. Mandell
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Colonel and Mrs John Guy, of Bath, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.G. Pritchard-Jones, of North Wales.

Mr B. Harnett and Miss A. McAulley
The engagement is announced between Barrie, son of the late Geoffrey Harnett and of Laurel Harnett, of Tauranga, New Zealand, and Anne, daughter of the late Anthony McAulley and of Agnes McAulley, of Rugby, Warwickshire.

Mr N.D. Jackson and Miss M.E. Bagley
The engagement is announced between Nicholas David, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Jackson, of Sandhurst, Gloucestershire, and Magdalen Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Bagley, of Dulwich Village, London.

Mr B.C.J. Summerhayes and Miss K.F. Osborne
The engagement is announced between Brian, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Summerhayes, of South Harting, West Sussex, and Katy, elder daughter of Mr David Osborne, of Wargrave, Berkshire, and Mrs Sheila Watt, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr K.L. Cooper and Miss C.J. Hinde
The engagement is announced between Keith Cooper, of Clapham, London, and Carol Hinde, of Timaru, New Zealand.

Mr N.J. Naylor and Miss C.E.M. Jacobs
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Major General and Mrs D.M. Naylor, of Huttons Ambo, Yorkshire, and Clare, eldest daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs G.H. Jacobs, of Balmullo, Fife.

Mr G. Pakenham and Miss K.L. Page
The engagement is announced between Guy, second son of the Hon Patrick Pakenham and Mrs Mary Blowers, and Kia Louise, daughter of Mr Michael Page and Mrs Marilyn Woodgate.

Mr R.D. Soning and Miss H. Garrard
The engagement is announced between Robert, third son of Angela and Harvey Soning, and Hanna, eldest daughter of Maureen and David Garrard.

Mr P. Telford and Miss C. Jackson du Cros
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of the late Mr William Telford and of Mrs Jean Telford, of Whitehaven, Cumbria, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Jackson du Cros, of St Ewe, Cornwall.

Mr J.H. Thellusson and Miss J.L. Owers
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of the Hon Peter and Mrs Thellusson, of Barnes, and Jennifer, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Owers, of Sunningdale.

Mr C.D.G. Wates and Miss L.F. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs David Wates, of Malham, West Sussex, and Louise, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Victor Robinson, of Iver, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A.J.P. Wilding and Miss S.C. Owen
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Wilding, and Suzanne, daughter of the late Mr Douglas Owen and of Mrs Irene Owen.

Marriage

Mr P.N. Robinson and Miss K.L. Ives
The marriage took place on February 14, 1995, in Uxbridge, Middlesex, between Paul Robinson and Karen Ives, both of Hillingdon, Middlesex.

University news

Oxford
Somerville College
The following elections have been agreed:
To a Coombs Scholarship in Law: Nina Lesley Burden (formerly of Fareham Tertiary College, Hampshire).
To a Hughes Scholarship in Law: Helen Louise Ball (Woldgate School, York).
To a Murray Scholarship in Philosophy and Psychology: Rachel Jean Henley (Rugby School).
To a Beilby Exhibition in Maths: Dawn Alexandria Bell (Withington Girls' School, Manchester).
To a Pope Exhibition in Modern Languages: Emma Rebecca Bosley (Gravesend Grammar School for Girls).
To a Hughes Exhibition in Law: Katherine Louise McCleery (Taunton School).
To a Coombs Exhibition in Modern Languages: Heidi Mai Jacques (Haywards Heath College, Sussex).
To a Coombs Exhibition in English and Modern Languages: Anita Mary Howard (Holy Family High School, Merseyside).
To a Beilby Exhibition in Law: Claire Louise Reynolds-Lewis (St John Baptist Comprehensive School).
To an Ethel A Jones Exhibition in English: Karen Elizabeth White (Wath Comprehensive School, Rotherham).

The Queen's University of Belfast
Research projects have received funding worth more than £3.5 million. The awards are from a wide range of sources, including the Department of Economic Development's Industrial Research and Technology Unit (IRTU), research councils, charities, industry and the European Commission.

The funding is for studies in the university's faculties of agriculture and food science, science, medicine, engineering, education and economics and social sciences. The Institute of Irish Studies at Queen's, and the university's environmental research initiative — the QUESTOR Centre — have also benefited.

The two largest grants — £791,143 from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, and £660,511 from the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council — have been awarded to Queen's physicists. The first, to a team in Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, is for a rolling programme of research in theoretical atomic molecular and optical physics until 1998. The second, an extension of the rolling grant for astrophysics research at Queen's until 1998, is to a team from Pure and Applied Physics and Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics.

Medical projects have won grants totalling £771,411, of which £453,936 has been awarded for ophthalmological research.

Senate
The following have been appointed to the university Senate by the bodies named:
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BIRTHS

BUCHANAN-McKEOWN - On 11th February at The Portland Hospital, to Jim and Lynda, a beautiful baby boy, Luke Edward.

DOUGHTY - On February 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Lynne (née Castle) and Martin, a son, Angus Finlay, a brother for Joshua.

DOWN - To Julian and Anne (née Bean) on February 14th 1995, a daughter, Elizabeth Charlotte Mary.

HORTON - On 28th January, 1995 in Hong Kong, to Tina (née Macfarlane) and Mark, a daughter, Iona Mary.

JOHNSON - On February 8th 1995, to Sue (née Gee) and Ken, a very special son, Matthew Peter Thomas.

MILLAR - On 10th February 1995, to Alice (née Martin) and Charlie, a son, Alfred Martin Parsifal.

NEISH - On February 13th, to Sarah (née Bredin) and Angus, a son, Fergus John Bala.

NEWMAN - On February 14th 1995, in Santiago, Chile, to Gabriela and Alexander, a son, Anthony Richard.

DEATHS

ARCHER - Grizelda Beatrice (née Erskine), wife of the late Canon George David Archer and last surviving daughter of the late Henry Adeane Erskine, peacefully on 15th February at Sutton Veny Nursing Home, Warminster, aged 95. Loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to her 43 descendants. Requiem Mass St Michael the Archangel, Mere, on Thursday 23rd February at 12 noon. Interment Audley Chapel, Salisbury Cathedral, on Friday 24th February at 11.30 am.

BAYLIS - On February 14th, in her 96th year, peacefully at Heatherside. Peggy, beloved wife of the late Surtees. Devoted mother of Dick, Jane and Charlie, adored grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving Mattingley Church, Hartley Wintney, 12 noon on Saturday 18th March. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Dr. Barnardos.

BARLOW - On February 15th at Holyport Lodge Nursing Home. Enid, much loved wife of the late Jack, mother of Petronelle and Gandan to James and Sarah. Funeral Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Bracknell, on Thursday February 23rd at 2 pm. Donations, if desired, to the R.N.L.I., 20 Buckingham Street, WC2N 6EF.

DERBY - Clive O.B.E., beloved husband of Carole, peacefully at home after a long illness on 15th February 1995. He will be sadly missed by Carole, Stewart, Bianca and grandchildren Simon and David. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd February at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations appreciated to Marie Curie Cancer Care, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X.

FENNELL - Maureen, peacefully on 15th February 1995, at Highclere House, Milton Keynes. Beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Requiem Mass at 10 am on Monday 20th February 1995 at St Hugh's Church, Monks Road, Lincoln.

FINCH - On 14th February, with the greatest reluctance, Nigel Lucius Graeme, aged 45. Much loved partner, son, brother and friend. Cremation private. Celebration of his life and work on Tuesday 28th February at 2 pm St Paul's Church, Rectory Grove, London SW4. Donations marked 'In memory of Nigel Finch' to McEntee Ward, St George's Hospital, London SW17 0QT.

GROSS - On Tuesday 14th February 1995, after a short illness, Catherine Elliott, beloved wife of the late Henry M. Gross. There will be a Memorial Service in London on a date to be announced.

HALL - On 10th February 1995, Alice Mary Goldie (Bee) Hall, aged 93. Beloved wife of the late W.R. Hall and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service on Thursday 23rd February at St Ffraid's Church, Llansantffraid, Powys, at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Llansantffraid Parish Church.

KEYSER - Jessie, aged 87, wife of John Keyser of Stoneleigh, Coventry and mother of Angela, Judith and William, died peacefully in her sleep on February 16th 1995. Funeral Service Tuesday February 21st, 2pm at St Mary's Church, Stoneleigh. No flowers by request, but if wished donations for the Alzheimers Disease Society or any chosen charity c/o Grimmett & Timms, 118 Albany Road, Coventry, CV5 6NG, tel: (01203) 674746.

LANDSBERT - Edith Mary, of Cumnor, Oxford, on 15th February 1995, suddenly and peacefully in her 88th year. Funeral Service at Cumnor Parish Church on Wednesday 22nd February at 2.30 pm, followed by interment on Thursday at Southgate. Family flowers only, but donations for the Salvation Army to Terry Landsbert, Oxford (01865) 863165.

MACAULEY - On February 16th 1995, Rev. Dom John Macauley, aged 73, Monk of Ampleforth Abbey. Requiem Mass Ampleforth Abbey 12 noon Thursday 23rd February.

MALLENDER - On 16th February 1995, Margaret Mary (née Dunlop), peacefully at home at Wootton Courtenay, Somerset, aged 76. Dear wife of John and a much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at Taunton Deane Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd February at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Multiple Sclerosis Society c/o Murrell & Dewar, Irnham Road, Minehead.

MAYER - Suddenly on February 12th 1995, while lecturing in London, Anthony (Tony), very much loved by his family and many friends. Funeral February 27th at noon, St Cross Chapel, Winchester. (M3 Junction 11, follow sign to St Cross). Donations, if desired, to WAR CHILD (Bosnia) c/o Jno Steel & Son, 6 Chesil Street, Winchester SO23 8HU.

McVICAR - Helen, on February 14th suddenly in Auckland, New Zealand, widow of Neil McVicar, sister of Peggy Mackie, much loved by all of her family.

MONTGOMERY - On February 13th, suddenly but peacefully at his home in Winchester, Patrick Raymond F.R.C.P., dearly loved brother of Pamela and the late Michael. He will be sadly missed but very happily remembered by his nieces and nephews Sarah, Robert, Brian and Carolyn, their families and all who knew him and loved him. Private family service. Donations, if desired, to MENCAP, c/o Jno. Steel & Son Ltd., Chesil House, Winchester SO23 0HU. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at a later date.

PARTRIDGE - Suddenly and peacefully Susan (Sue) Margaret, greatly beloved daughter of Sylvia and Harry Fawcett, passed away on 13th February. To know her was to love her. The funeral will be held at the Mortlake Crematorium, London, at 11 am on Tuesday 21st February.

PRITCHARD - Rosamond, on 11th February 1995, beloved wife of the late Cecil Coldicott and the late Jack Pritchard, mother of Pamela and Richard, stepmother of John. Funeral took place in Dublin.

PROCTOR - Hilda on February 14th, at home aged 83. Beloved wife of the late Albert and dearly loved mother of Granville and Harvey. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond, at 2.30 pm on February 20th 1995. Flowers to Barnes and Sons, 112 Devonport Road, London W12 8NU.

STRICKLAND CONSTABLE - Edina, Lady Strickland Constable, on February 15th 1995, peacefully in her sleep, in her 90th year, at her home Wassand Hall, Seaton, Yorkshire. Beloved wife of the late Marmaduke, 10th Baronet, youngest daughter of the late Count and Countess Rudolph Von Rex, Nobility of The Holy Roman Empire, deeply loved and mourned by her family and friends. Funeral Service and interment St Lawrence Church, Sigglesthorne, Thursday February 23rd at 2 pm. Flowers please to C.M. Allott & Son, Southgate, Hornsea.

SWORDER - On February 14th 1995 peacefully at home in Barbados, Commander Edward Robert Denys O.B.E., D.S.C., R.N.V.R. (Ted), in his 88th year. Will be sadly missed by all his family and step family. Funeral today February 17th at The Military Cemetery, Bridgetown, Barbados. Any enquiries to Patricia Powe, 16 Richmond Close, Torquay, TQ1 2PW.

TAYLOR - On February 15th peacefully at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, William Fothergill (Bill) aged 82 years. Beloved and loving husband of Morwenna for the past 15 years, and earlier of Mabel (died 1960). Loved and devoted father of Annette and Christine, grandfather of Nicola-Jane, Giles and Charles and great-grandfather of Toby and Chelsea. He will be mourned and missed by sons-in-law Michael and Richard, his other relatives and the many friends who shared his interests and commitments. Funeral on Monday, February 20th at 2 pm at Macclesfield Crematorium, Prestbury Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire. Meeting of Thanksgiving for his life to be held at The Friends' Meeting House, Ring o'Bells Lane, Disley, Cheshire on Saturday, February 25th at 2.30 pm. Arrangements by LD & S Tideswell, 5 Manchester Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith. Flowers or donations if preferred to British Heart Foundation.

UNWIN - On February 12th 1995 at The Manor Nursing Home, Lelant, Cornwall, Everett Ryalsworth, aged 82, beloved husband of Alison and dear father and grandfather.

WHITFIELD - February 9th 1995 at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, aged 90 years. Joan (Lilian Ethel), A.R.C.A., formerly Lecturer in Design at the Royal College of Art, S. Kensington, beloved wife of Humphrey, mother of Roderick & Clovis. Born Joan Herrin, January 26th 1905, married April 28th 1936. Nulla dies nobis moerorem e pectore demet.

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IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

FIELDHOUSE - John, loving father to Mark, Amanda and Sarah, and grandfather to Ruby who you never knew. Has it really been three years? We miss you terribly.

FIELDHOUSE - John. Love you now and for always darling. The days are long until we meet again. Madge.

GITTINGS - Valerie Joyce, February 17th, 1994. Greatly missed, remembered always. Alan, Judith and Jonathan.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

BARBER - Services of Thanksgiving for Romy, will be held at 11 am on Saturday 25th February at All Saints Parish Church, Crondall, Hampshire and at 11 am on Saturday 25th March at Chigwell School Chapel, Chigwell, Essex. Everyone welcome.

TAYLOR - A Meeting of Thanksgiving for the life of William Fothergill (Bill) will be held at The Friends' Meeting House, Ring o'Bells Lane, Disley, Cheshire on Saturday, February 25th at 2.30 pm.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

WATHERSTON - A Service of Thanksgiving for Elizabeth Jean Eildon Watherston, will be held at St Andrew's Church, Kelso, on Friday 10th March at 2.30pm. No flowers but if desired donations to the Borders Group RDA. c/o Mrs L. Murray, 8 Broomiedell, Ednam.

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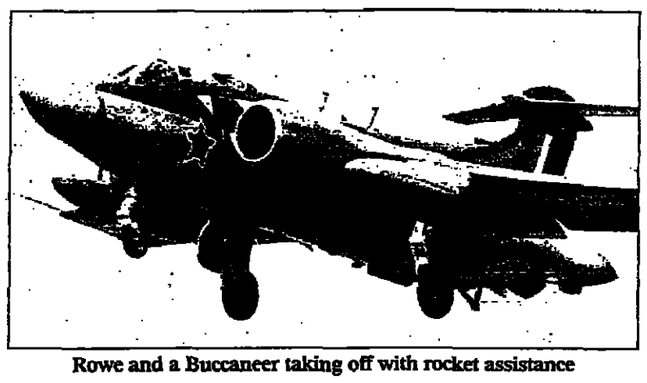
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OBITUARIES

NORBERT ROWE

Norbert Edward Rowe, CBE, wartime Director of Technical Development at the Ministry of Aircraft Production and a former director of Hawker Siddeley Aviation, died on February 5 aged 96. He was born on June 18, 1898.





Rowe and a Buccaneer taking off with rocket assistance

"NERO" to a wide circle of colleagues in the world of British aviation, N. E. Rowe was one of the most distinguished (and long-lived) of that band of British aeronautical scientists who came out of the Royal Aircraft Establishment in its most prolific years. Beginning his working life in the days of biplanes after the First World War, he went on to be involved in the development of helicopters, organised high altitude flight research and was behind the success of the Buccaneer strike aircraft, first flown in 1958 and still in active service with the RAF during the Gulf War of 1991.

Born in Plymouth, Norbert Edward Rowe was the only son of Harold and Jane Rowe. In 1913, at the age of 15, he began a six-year apprenticeship at the naval dockyard, Devonport, starting at the workbench while receiving an intensive technical education through day release and evening classes at Upper Dockyard School. This apprenticeship was interrupted in the summer of 1918 when he went to France as a fitter/gunner with the Royal Field Artillery.

Demobilised in 1919, he continued his studies at the City and Guilds (Engineering) College, taking a first-class London University degree in engineering in 1924.

Joining the Royal Aircraft Establishment as a test assistant he was, in 1926, posted to the Air Ministry's Technical Flying Establishment at Martlesham Heath. There he gained an intimate practical knowledge of the qualities — and the foibles — of the full range of new British, and some foreign, aircraft of those prewar years. He became Martlesham's Chief Technical Officer in 1937 and then Assistant Technical Director at the headquarters of the Air Ministry in 1938.

Throughout the Second World War he was at the Ministry of Aircraft Production, directing research and development on existing and new types of military aircraft. By 1945 he had been promoted to Director-General of Technical Development. He was appointed CBE in 1944 for his war work.

In 1946 he joined British European Airways as Controller of Research and Special Developments. There he initiated the Experimental Helicopter Unit and also high altitude gust research to investigate the cause of the very severe "bumps" which are often experienced by aircraft in clear air at heights over 15,000 feet.

In 1952 Rowe moved to Blackburn and General Aircraft as technical director, becoming joint managing director in 1960. While at Blackburn he was instrumental in winning an order for the company, against intense competition within the industry, for an advanced naval strike aircraft which was to be capable of undertaking intruder bombing missions at very low level. The result was the immensely robust Buccaneer bomber, built, as its pilots acknowledged, like a battleship to withstand the buffeting of high subsonic speeds "on the deck". It was also designed to be able to pull up steeply to 18,000 feet, lob a tactical nuclear bomb at a distant target and then dive hair-raisingly to earth and pursue a terrain-hugging course back to base.

This highly successful design went into service with the Royal Navy in the 1960s and, when the Navy lost its fleet aircraft carriers, continued in service with the RAF. It also flew with the South African Air Force and a number were supplied to the US Coastguard. The Buccaneer was in action as recently as 1991 when it was used for laser designation of targets during the Gulf War.

Rowe became a director of Hawker Siddeley Aviation (of which Blackburn had become a part) in 1961.

At that juncture, trouble between the board of De Havilland Aircraft of Canada and its engineers, who after the death of their long-serving technical director refused to take the board's instructions, induced the company to ask Rowe to go to Canada to sort out the trouble. In the event Rowe found himself accepting the job himself and he became Vice-President, Engineering, of De Havilland Canada. At the company's Ontario headquarters for the next four years he directed a major design team.

He was involved with the continuing development of the DHC Beaver, a high-wing utility workhorse which had been in service with a number of the world's armies and air forces since the early 1950s. In 1964 the DHC design team began work on the Twin Otter a short takeoff and landing (STOL) transport which likewise went on to see service worldwide. Among his team's other projects were research on a hydrofoil ship.

In 1966 Rowe retired to live in West Yorkshire with one of his two daughters. He had joined the Royal Aeronautical Society in 1937 and was president in 1955-56, being made an honorary fellow in 1962. He presented the Royal Aeronautical Society's annual N. E. Rowe Medals for contributions from graduates, students and technicians. He was president of the Helicopter Association of Great Britain 1959-60, of the Whitworth Society 1974-75 and an honorary fellow of the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute from 1965 until his death. Rowe was highly regarded by his colleagues.

Rowe married Cecilia Brown in 1929. She survives him together with their two sons and two daughters.

CHARLES GARDNER

Charles Gardner, CBE, Intelligence Officer, died in Nairobi on February 7 aged 79. He was born in Kalusz, Austria, on April 24, 1915.



CHARLES GARDNER, born Israel Gold, was the son of Austrian Jewish parents and went to school at the Realgymnasium in Vienna. He then went on to read medicine for three years at Vienna University. The family was compelled to leave Austria after the Anschluss in 1938. The parents went to Israel and the young Gold to the UK, where he found employment with a firm of gold and silversmiths in Birmingham.

In February 1940 he enlisted in the Pioneer Corps, transferring to the Special Operations Executive in 1941. After long periods of training he was commissioned in 1944 and dropped into Slovenia. After six months behind German lines, he returned to Italy where he served for the rest of the war, reaching the rank of major.

After the war the Army sent him to Austria, where he came into contact with the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6). His perfect knowledge of German and of the local Austrian scene, added to a distinct flair for Intelligence work, made him a natural choice (he himself had by then decided to throw in his lot with Britain rather than the country of his birth, or Israel). He was naturalised as a British subject in October 1946; and his loyalty to his adopted country was total. In later years only a very close observer, or an old friend, could have guessed that he was other than British born and educated.

Nevertheless it was a number of years before Gardner was fully accepted as a career member of the Service. His family was in Israel; the official view was that there could be a danger of divided loyalties. It was not until 1966 that he was finally incorporated into the Service on the same terms as his home-grown colleagues. This had its effect not merely on Gardner's career in the Service, but also on his attitude to it. In a very real sense, the Service had become his family — his own family being remote and foreign. But for many years he felt more like an adopted than a natural member of it. Hence came a certain touchiness and preoccupation with questions of prestige and status. He was not always an easy colleague and never one who could be taken for granted. But when he felt valued and appreciated he could be an entrancing companion, worldly-wise and with a wide variety of interests.

After leaving Vienna, he worked in Frankfurt and, in 1958, in the British Consulate-General in West Berlin. Between these posts, he spent two frustrating years as vice-consul in Seoul, his only posting in the Far East and not one which he much enjoyed.

After Berlin came a five-year stint at home where, among other jobs, he spent some time in the training department.

The remaining 15 years of his service were perhaps the most valuable and the most rewarding. In 1966-67 he spent a short period in Nairobi, which was followed in 1967-69 by two years in Nigeria passing on the fruits of what was by then many years of experience. In 1969 he moved back to Nairobi, at the request of the Kenyan Government, to work as adviser to the office of the Vice-President. In this post he remained for 12 years, as the result of repeated requests from the Kenyan Government to prolong his stay. It was not until 1980 that he finally retired at the age of 65. He had been appointed CBE in 1973.

He was implicitly and deeply trusted by the senior ministers and civil servants of Kenya, with all of whom he was in constant contact. His white face was not important. They knew that in Gardner they had a friend who would never knowingly act against their interests. Additionally, he took endless trouble in little things and small personal attentions. He had an almost feminine (possible Viennese) sensitivity towards African patterns of thoughts and behaviour. He did much to maintain relations between Kenya and the UK.

After his retirement he settled in Nairobi to a comfortable existence of bridge and the racetrack. The removal of a lung in 1980 did not cramp his style for long. But in 1988 he suffered a seriously incapacitating stroke which greatly restricted his movements and activities in his final years. But the affection which he had always been able to inspire guaranteed the attentions of a host of friends.

He never married but was always a vigorous admirer of the opposite sex.

NIGEL FINCH

Nigel Finch, television editor and film-maker, died of an Aids-related illness on February 14 aged 45. He was born on August 1, 1949.



NIGEL FINCH was a film-maker of startling originality, and co-editor of BBC2's *Arena* series. He moonlighted occasionally to the BBC drama department when the right subject came up, but always returned to *Arena*, running the programme as a double-act with his longtime colleague and friend Anthony Wall.

His film essays on popular culture, *My Way*, about the extraordinary appeal of the Frank Sinatra song, produced in 1979, and *The Private Life of the Ford Cortina*, an affectionate look at what was Britain's most popular car, made in 1982, have deservedly found a place in television history. They were often imitated but never equalled. In them Finch found his style: for sheer technical verve and wit he was unmatched.

By his own account he had had a faltering start in film-making. He had agreed to make a film about the singer-songwriter Lynsey de Paul, quite a star at the time. He was, he confessed, not well acquainted with Ms de Paul nor her *oeuvre*. In error, he booked another songstress with a similar name — Lyn Paul, the lead singer of the New Seekers group, who seemed very happy indeed to be singled out for a biographical study. Finch, embarrassed to admit his error and not thinking it especially important, went ahead and made the film anyway.

It could be said, that the theme of mistaken identity emerged early in his career. He delved with relish into the ambiguous, the unexpected, the fraudulent. In *The Caravaggio Conspiracy* he turned a quest to uncover some fake paintings into a dazzling pastiche of the TV thriller.

Refused an interview by Graham Greene, he went ahead with a film based on Greene's own story of an impostor who "borrowed" his persona and past. Finch gathered up as many people called Graham Greene as he could find in the phone book and interviewed them all. Setting these encounters against biographical detail and extracts from the novels, he succeeded in turning what could have been a gimmick into a brilliant and disturbingly surreal portrayal of "Greeneland". His final coup was to persuade Greene himself to speak the narration.

Born in Tenterden, Kent, Nigel Finch grew up, a member of a family of four, in Bromley. He was educated at Bromley Grammar School for Boys and Sussex University, where he read History of Art.

He cut his teeth, professionally, at London Weekend Television, working for Humphrey Burton's *Aquarius* and *The Frost Report*. In the mid-1970s he moved to the BBC where he remained, mainly in the Music and Arts department, for the rest of his career.

Nigel Finch's encounters with visual artists were always inventive, sometimes serious, never solemn. He was no hagiographer. There had to be a real idea exploding out of every film. Sometimes the idea was about the filming process itself, as in his study last year of the sculptor Louise Bourgeois. It was a funny and painful revelation of what is usually hidden behind the bland face of the arts biography. Bourgeois, seen in an increasing state of anxiety about Finch's portrait of her, finally — on camera — hurled a piece of sculpture at the director.

Finch was deeply committed to the artists he filmed. They tended to be both mould-breaking and controversial. He doggedly defended the most homo-erotic images in his film on the photographer Robert Mapplethorpe to a BBC bureaucrat — wheeling and dealing in how much (if any) priapic flesh might be acceptable just after the 9pm "watershed" on BBC2. "But don't you see, that's what Mapplethorpe's all about?"

An original himself, Finch delighted in eccentrics, larger-than-life characters. He was on home territory with his *Chelsea Hotel*, a portrait of the New York haunt of artistic outsiders. He made a film about a pop-singing lawyer, hired to defend Ken Russell in a lawsuit brought against the film director by the founder of *Penthouse* magazine. You could not invent a more bizarre scenario. In 1993 he won the Prix Italia for *The Vampyr*, an opera turned soap-opera, notable for its lashings of blood and sopranos removing their clothes while singing their arias.

Sometimes the subject could become a little lost within the style. But Finch could also turn his hand to a sensitive unsettling drama like *The Lost Language of Cranes*, the study of a family man tormented by his closet homosexuality.

His last project was his first for the big screen: *Stonewall*, a story set around the emergence of the gay rights movement in America. As shooting ended, his final illness overtook him and he had an editing suite installed at his home so that he could finish cutting the film. Those who have seen it report it to be the finest work he had ever done.

HELEN WALLIS

Helen Wallis, OBE, formerly Map Librarian of the British Library died on February 7 aged 70. She was born in Barnet, Hertfordshire, on August 17, 1924.

FOR twenty years Helen Wallis was the leading figure in map librarianship in this country and, arguably, internationally. She was undoubtedly the best known historian of cartography.

She joined the map room of the British Museum in 1951, having previously attended St Paul's Girls' School and read geography at St Hugh's College, Oxford. In 1967 she succeeded R.A. Skelton as superintendent of the map room. She was the first woman to hold the post, a situation that would be repeated throughout her professional life.

During her 19 years in the profession's premier post, Wallis gave a new direction to the national map library (as the map room had become in 1973 with the creation of the British Library) making it the centre of a global network.

Map collections are universal in their coverage and Wallis saw the logical need for an institutional framework within which map custodians could operate nationally and internationally. She was the driving force behind the creation of three organisations, all of which flourish today: the Map Curators' Group of the British Cartographic Society (1966), the Geography and Map Libraries Section of the International Federaton of Library Associations (1969) and the British Committee for Map Information and Catalogue Systems (1977). In 1985 the Library Association awarded her its highest professional distinction, an honorary fellowship.

Wallis's long-standing involvement in the Royal Geographical Society culminated in her appointment as an honorary vice-president in 1988. Likewise, her contribution to the British Cartographic Society was marked by her presidency (1972-74) and the award in 1988 of its gold medal, while the Society of Woman Geographers gave her its Distinguished Achievement Award in 1990.

Yet it was as an historian, particularly of maps, that most knew her. Two of her publications reflected the librarian's duty to make information accessible: *Cartographical Innovations* (with A. H. Robinson, for the International Cartographic Association in 1987), and *The Historians' Guide to Early British Maps* (for the Royal Historical Society, 1994).



Much of her work has been the starting point for later studies, particularly on the history of globes, the Jesuit mapping of China, the exploration of Australia and the Pacific, and early relations between Britain and America. European voyages to the South Seas formed the subject of her doctorate (1954) and also her first book, *Carteret's Voyage round the World 1766-1769* (for the Hakluyt Society, 1965). A great deal of her own writing celebrated the British Library's cartographic holdings which were greatly strengthened by her acquisition in 1968 of the Royal United Services Institution's map collection, the largest map purchase in the museum's 140-year history.

The library also provided the source for her most celebrated publication, the facsimile of the *Boke of Idrography* by Jean Rotz (1542), which she edited as a Roxburghe Club volume for Viscount Eccles in 1981. The original was made for Henry VIII and it was appropriate that a copy of the Wallis edition should have been presented by the Queen to President Reagan. The Rotz atlas showed Wallis to be unafraid of restating the still controversial claim that the Portuguese discovered Australia in the 1520s. Her other long-held conviction, that the Vinland Map was a forgery, has proved to be less contentious.

Her retirement from the British Library in 1986 was marked in two ways: by her appointment as OBE and by a published bibliography totalling more than 250 entries — a testimony to her apparently boundless energy. Given her affinity with the United States, it was fitting that Davidson College, North Carolina, should have awarded her an honorary doctorate in 1985.

Last year, when she was Mitchell Scholar in Residence at the State Library of New South Wales, cancer was diagnosed. The courage she displayed over the final nine months of her life was extraordinary; her determination to press on with her work was an inspiration to her vast circle of friends and colleagues. Her concern for others and her sense of humour remained with her to the end.

She was unmarried.

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HUNTING.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT)

Owing to the erratic game of see-saw played by frost and thaw and storm and calm just lately, we have experienced a period of chequered sport with horse and hound; and February now has some leeway to make up if its reputation as "the foxhunter's month" is to be maintained. Already the unpleasant thought occurs that there are not many more weeks to run before the time arrives for the pink coat and top-boots to be put away, because we are now within a fortnight of the last full month of the hunting season. Scent has been as fickle as the weather during the past few days, and not many runs of much merit have been enjoyed on those occasions when it was possible to hunt. The Quorn, however, had a capital run from Lord Aylesford's covert this week, which lasted more than two hours. Certainly scent was not breast-high, and hounds were in difficulties once or twice; but Bishopp was always there to give them valuable assistance, and the pace was fast enough at times. They were eventually stopped when heading for Eaton Grange, far into the Belvoir country. The Essex and Suffolk, too, have scored a really excellent gallop with an afternoon fox found near Broadsmeadow. Almost in a straight line hounds ran to the White House at Wix, and then, still carrying a great head, on to Stour Wood and the Great Eastern Railway, a point of 5½ miles having been made in quick time so far. Facing the open again, the fox afterwards took a wide sweep over some of the best of the Essex and Suffolk country, and, returning to Stour Wood, was rolled over at the end of a stirring gallop of an hour and 25 minutes, in which at least 13 miles were covered.

One of the most noteworthy runs of the month, however, took place last week when the Glendale (a small pack with which Mr. James C. Fenwick hunts a wild moorland district of Northumberland) found a stout fox at Ford Moss at 11.15 a.m. and hunted him to the top of Cheviot, on the frozen ridges of which they lost him in the driving clouds of mist. Their huntsman, who had been compelled to follow on foot during the last two hours, came up to them where they had thrown up at 20 minutes to 4 o'clock, and in the course of this remarkable chase hounds had covered more than 20 miles, and the distance from find to finish was 13 miles as the crow flies. Then in Ireland, where hunting was not so seriously interfered with by the vagaries of the weather, the Tipperary have just had their run of the season. It began from a patch of gorse near Silverfort and took the lucky followers of Mr. Burke's sterling pack over one of the best lines of grass to be found in the whole of Tipperary, though the presence of other foxes in the furzy stronghold of Bennetts-hill robbed hounds of their reward after a run of 13 miles in an hour and 20 minutes, a point of at least eight miles being accomplished. The hunting outlook in Ireland has improved, since Mr. Isaac Bell has reconsidered his decision to give up the Galway "Blazers" at the end of the present season, whilst there is every promise of other vacant Irish countries finding suitable masters without any difficulty ...

ON THIS DAY

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Hunting, now confined to accounts of saboteur demonstrations, was a regular and often lengthy feature in The Times *up to the outbreak of the Second World War*

THE TIMES TODAY

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17 1995

Major calls fans a disgrace

■ John Major condemned the thuggish behaviour of English soccer fans in Dublin as a war of words erupted over who was to blame for failing to prevent the violence at the match. In a message to John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, Mr Major said: "They were a disgrace and an embarrassment".

His attack on the supporters whose mayhem forced the match to be abandoned came as police and the Football Association of Ireland blamed the authorities in England for the trouble .....Pages 1, 2

Cabinet ordered to stop feuding

■ The Prime Minister failed to give public backing to Kenneth Clarke over the impact of a single currency after ordering his Cabinet into line and telling them to stop their feuding over Europe and the single currency .....Page 1

Tiger's 'bad blood'

A tiger that killed its keeper was the descendant of one that killed two men at the same zoo. John Aspinall, the owner of Howletts Wild Animal Park, said the death of Trevor Smith, 31, could be the result of "bad blood" .....Page 3

Rota killer jailed

A killer who shot his former employer in front of his wife and four-year-old son after a row about work rotas was jailed for life .....Page 3

Teacher wins claim

A teacher sacked by a Jewish comprehensive school after parents complained that his sex education lessons were too explicit was unfairly dismissed, an industrial tribunal ruled .....Page 5

Novel libel damages

An author of Mills & Boon romances has been awarded "substantial" damages over claims by David Lodge that she plagiarised one of his novels .....Page 7

Ancient horse

Britain's oldest hill figure, the White Horse at Uffington, on the Oxfordshire Downs, may be 1,000 years older than previously believed .....Page 8

Doctors on the cheap

Hospitals are hiring inexperienced doctors to cut costs in a move that threatens standards of care, an NHS manpower expert claimed .....Page 9

Colour solution

More than 150 years after the death of John Dalton, whose atomic theory is the basis of chemistry, scientists have established the cause of his colour blindness ..... Page 9

Maastricht lessons

The Government will learn from mistakes during the Maastricht negotiations to avoid a storm over next year's conference on Europe, MPs were told .....Page 11

Yeltsin promise

President Yeltsin pledged to shake up the country's battered armed forces and push through economic reforms .....Page 12

Palestinian ban lifted

Israel agreed to allow a gradual lifting of the ban on Palestinian workers entering its territory, imposed after the bombing that killed 21 Jews ..... Page 13

Student army threat

The Islamic students' army, is sitting on the outskirts of Kabul with enough artillery, tanks, rockets and heavily armed men to blow the Afghan capital to pieces ..... Page 14

Star Wars defeat

The Republicans suffered their first big defeat since taking control of Congress when the House of Representatives voted down their attempt to revive large parts of President Reagan's Star Wars programme ..... Page 15

How the keyboard was won

■ A villain who evaded the law for years and a loner who determined to track him had a cliffhanging final reel when justice triumphed in cyberspace — the computer frontier. The villain was Kevin Mitnick, 31, the most wanted hacker; the hero was Tsutomu Shimomura, 30, a Japanese computer security specialist known as a brilliant cyber-sleuth .....Page 1



BOB COLLIER

English football supporters hide their faces as they arrive at Holyhead yesterday on the ferry from Ireland. Pages 1, 2, 44

Currency jitters: The CBI attributed nervousness in the markets to political uncertainty and called for a Cabinet ceasefire .....Page 23

Power sale: Kenneth Clarke ran a gauntlet of Greenpeace demonstrators when he arrived at the launch for the offer of shares in National Power and PowerGen .....Page 23

Gas complaints: Complaints about service from British Gas have reached record levels as the company reorganises .....Page 23

Saatchi resigns: Charles Saatchi resigned as honorary life president of Saatchi & Saatchi .....Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 23.8 to 3,051.1. Sterling's index climbed from 87.0 to 87.1 rising from $1.5630 to $1.5767, and falling from DM2.3589 to DM 2.3498 ...Page 26

Cricket: England A beat India A by 98 runs to win their one-day series 2-1. Nick Knight, of Warwickshire, scored 114 not out ..... Page 38

Golf: Wayne Westner, playing on his home course, led the field after a first-round 62 in the Lexington SA PGA tournament at the Wanderers course in Johannesburg ... Page 38

Rugby union: Austin Swain, a lecturer in sports psychology at Loughborough University, has been helping to motivate England before the match against Wales in Cardiff .....Page 41

Snooker: John Higgins hit new heights of excellence as he trounced Ken Doherty 5-0 in 74 minutes to reach the quarter-finals of the international open in Bournemouth .....Page 41

French Camelot: The tercentenary celebrations of Henry Purcell received a boost from an unexpected quarter, when a sumptuous new production of Purcell's *King Arthur* was unveiled in Paris .....Page 33

Beyond our Ken: Ken Campbell is at his anarchic best in his new one-man show at the King's Head in Islington .....Page 33

Singing the Blues: With a new album from John Lee Hooker out, the veteran John Mayles back on the road, and Eric Clapton returning to Deep South influences, blues music is enjoying a renaissance ..... Pages 34, 35

Scream all about it: After a couple of sedate decades, writes Caitlin Moran, it's cool to scream at pop idols again .....Page 35

Libby Purves: I have decided that there is one Basic I would like to get back to. I think it is high time that writers of fiction went back to inventing their plots .....Page 16

Valerie Grove: The memorial to Oscar Wilde at Westminster Abbey is long overdue, says the great-grandson of the man who helped to imprison the poet ..... Page 17

Long search: Gheorghe Cupar, an Orthodox priest and poet, died in appalling conditions in a mental hospital during the Ceausescu regime. A woman's search for the truth about his death ..... Page 17

New legacy: One of the curiosities in the IT market has been the revival of demand for experience of large mainframe systems ..Page 32

Check it out: Safeways is to test a "self-scanning" system where shoppers scan the barcode of each item into a portable unit before they put it in their trolley ..... Page 31

If there is to be a monument to Dresden, let it come from a determination by Europe's leaders to bring the rest of the Continent into a system that will bring them peace — *The European*

In marginalising abortion services, the militant arm of the anti-abortion movement has marginalised the needs of hundreds of thousands of women — *The New York Times*



IN THE TIMES

■ **STARCK STYLE**
The house (left) that design superstar Philippe Starck built

■ **REVIEWS**
Jonathan Meades on an Indian restaurant without gimmicks; Anne Robinson's diary

Preview: Clive Anderson jokes his way around the Indian state of Goa in the first of a series of foreign travels. *Our Man In* ... (BBC2, 9.30pm) **Review:** Lynne Truss picks her way through the hell of *Hearts and Minds*, Jimmy McGovern's disenchanted view of a northern comprehensive ...Page 43

Santer's in-tray

A programme that cannot be deciphered without a doctorate in Eurocode is not a good start .....Page 19

Foul play in Dublin

Mr Howard must show that he has the will to stamp out this export of violence. Contrary to suggestions, he is far from powerless to do so .....Page 19

Song and dance

The objective of the London arts establishment should be to make the provision of opera and dance efficient, accessible and good value ..... Page 19

BERNARD LEVIN

What is there in the Muslim religion that makes those who hold to it apparently so afraid of rejection? I know of no other religion that fears to put itself into the challenge, and it is ironic that the religion which seems to be the most fragile is — in its fanatic side, at least — by far the most cruel, violent and mad .....Page 18

BRUCE ANDERSON

Consent in Ireland means persuasion: it means giving Unionists time and space to explore the possibilities of new relationships on the island of Ireland, without any coercion .....Page 18

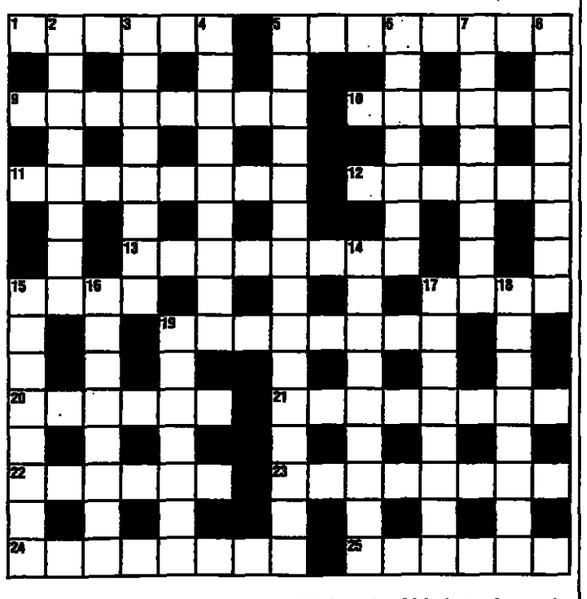
PETER RIDDELL

Even in the unlikely event that all ministers do take a vow of silence over the next few months, the current line would not stand up during an election campaign ..... Page 11

Norbert Rowe, aeronautical scientist; **Charles Gardner**, MI6 officer; **Nigel Finch**, television editor; **Helen Wallis**, map librarian of the British Library .....Page 21

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1 Office provided in mountainous block (6).
5 Is it fair when there's none left? (3,5).
9 Lady one has briefly encountered in taverns (8).
10 He takes up position beside river (6).
11 Dumbfounded one beau after another, say (4,4).
12 Part of Oxford to walk round (6).
13 Appealing tune, we hear (8).
15 Stone that's hard to wear out (4).
17 Some Arab beasts superior to the French (4).
19 Absconder raising the wind (8).
20 Athlete's misbehaviour is not arousing interest (8).
21 Game in which obstruction gets in the way (8).
22 It could contain pickle — a large amount (6).
23 Name of current or potential Crufts champion (8).
24 Paucity of money one head's given (8).
25 More willingly? On the contrary (6).

DOWN

2 A military group turned up to distress part of Asia (8).
3 Special holes take one (4-4).
4 Pound could provide this, oddly enough (4,5).
5 Chap from Commonwealth is in charge of sport (10,5).
6 Criticise or, in a word, review (7).
7 Beat up with weapon in sporting establishment (4,4).
8 Old way to transform fish (8).
14 Be more open, and less sensitive (8).
15 Jack and boss put on spurt in fast transport (5,3).
16 Host upset an agricultural worker (8).
17 Something man created after amendment to bill (8).
18 Means of escape from gorge to cavern (4-4).
19 College president (7).

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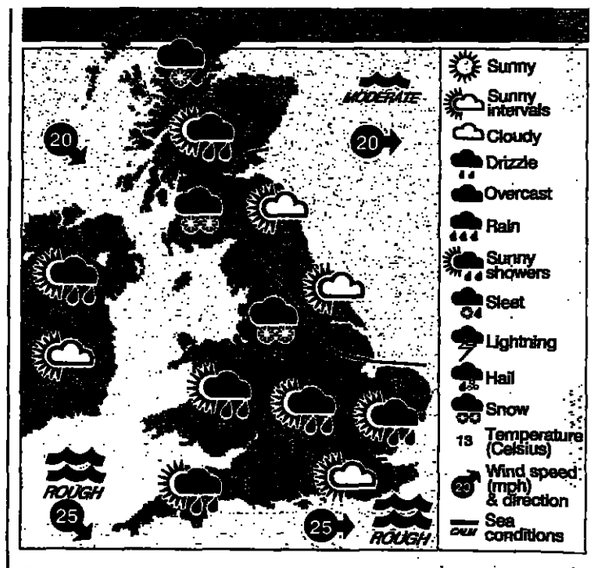
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Cromer	4.8	0.07	11	52	s	Plymouth	4.1	0.11	11	52	sh
Doncaster	5.9	0.02	10	50	b	Poole	4.1	0.28	12	54	f
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	-	13	55	b
Eastbourne	2.4	0.74	11	52	h	Ross-o-wye	3.8	0.28	11	52	sh
Edinburgh	6.3	0.14	8	46	sh	Sandown	2.3	0.76	11	52	sh
Eskdalemuir	0.1	0.48	5	41	h	Saunin Sd	4.1	0.09	11	52	s
Exmouth	6.5	0.11	12	54	s	Scarboro'	4.5	0.15	9	48	b
Falmouth	X	0.19	12	54	sh	Scilly Isles	5.7	0.19	11	52	f
Fishguard	2.2	0.35	8	46	f	Shanklin	1.9	0.60	11	52	sh
Folkestone	3.3	0.30	11	52	sh	Shrewsbury	X	0.04	10	50	sh
Glasgow	3.6	0.33	8	46	sh	Skegness	X				
Guernsey	X	0.31	14	57	c	Southend	6.7	0.05	12	54	s
Hastings	2.8	0.56	11	52	sh	Southport	5.5	0.04	9	48	sh
Heyling L	2.2	0.44	11	52	sh	Southsea	3.2	0.41	11	52	f
Herne Bay	3.7	0.07	12	54	sh	Stornoway	-	1.24	7	45	r
Hove	1.6	0.09	11	52	b	Swanage	2.3	0.47	11	52	sh
Hunstanton	5.1	0.19	10	50	r	Teignmouth	5.5	0.31	12	54	b
Ilfracombe	X					Tenby	4.0	0.11	11	52	c
Isle of Man	4.0	-	9	48	b	Torquay	5.2	0.16	12	54	b
Jersey	4.1	0.81	13	55	h	Tynemouth	X				
Kinloss	X					Ventnor	2.7	0.46	11	52	b
Leeds	5.8	0.14	10	50	sh	West-s-mare	X				
Lerwick	3.3	0.33	6	43	sh	Weymouth	3.4	0.22	11	52	b
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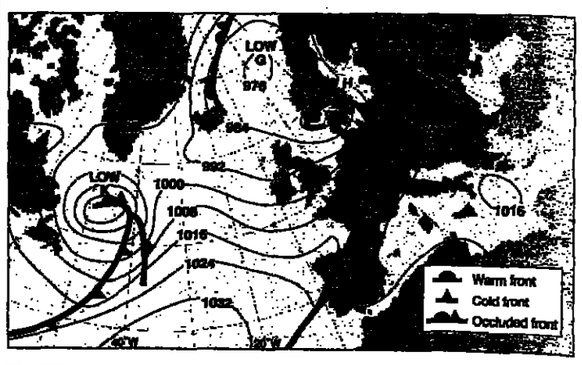
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Algiers	20	68	s	Faro	19	66	s	Melb'rne	18	64	r
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Athens	14	57	f	Frankfurt	9	48	c	Miami	28	79	c
Bahrain	20	68	s	Funchal	19	66	s	Milan	8	46	f
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Barcelona	17	63	f	Gibraltar	20	68	s	Moscow	0	32	c
Beirut	17	63	s	Helsinki	2	36	sl	Munich	3	37	r
Belgrade	13	55	s	Hong K	15	59	f	Nairobi	27	81	f
Berlin	10	50	f	Innsbruck	6	43	c	Naples	13	55	r
Bermuda	19	66	f	Istanbul	7	45	f	N Delhi	20	68	s
Biarritz	16	61	s	Jeddah	28	79	s	N York	3	37	f
Borda'x	14	57	f	Jo'burg	29	84	s	Nice	19	66	s
Brussels	9	48	c	Karachi	-	--		Oslo	5	41	f
Budapest	8	46	f	L Palmas	20	68	f	Paris	11	52	f
B Aires	27	81	c	Le Touq	8	46	f	Peking	8	46	s
Cairo	21	70	s	Lisbon	17	63	c	Perth	23	84	s
Cape Th	24	75	s	Locarno	11	52	s	Prague	9	48	f
Chicago	2	36	c	L Angels	16	61	c	Reykjavik	-3	27	s
Ch'church	19	66	c	Luxembg	7	45	c	Rhodes	15	59	f
Cologne	10	50	b	Luxor	23	73	s	Rio de J	28	82	f
C'phagn	5	41	r	Madrid	12	54	f	Riyadh	24	75	s

Rome	13	55	f	Tangier	17	63	f	Vienna	7	45	r
Salzburg	6	43	r	Tel Aviv	19	66	s	Warsaw	10	50	c
S Friaco	9	48	s	Tenerife	18	66	f	Wash'ton	1	34	r
Santiago	31	88	s	Tokyo	10	50	r	Wel'ngton	21	70	s
S Paulo	28	82	f	Toronto	-1	30	r	Zurich	8	46	f
Seoul	3	37	s	Tunis	22	66	f				
Sing'por	31	88	f	Valencia	22	72	s				
Stkholm	4	39	c	Vanc'ver	1	34	f				
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Dublin	0:20	3.92	0:40	4.17	Penzance	5:45	5.65	6:04	5.50
Falmouth	6:01	5.27	6:18	5.10	Portland	7:57	2.19	8:22	2.01
Glasgow	1:59	4.42	11:28	3.82	Portsmouth	0:13	4.72	0:25	4.68
Harwich	0:45	3.96	1:07	3.97	Shoreham	0:02	6.30	0:15	6.34
Holyhead	11:22	5.57	11:43	5.48	Southampton	11:49	4.72	--	--
Hull	7:22	7.48	7:34	7.83	Swansea	7:30	9.83	7:51	9.54
Ilfracombe	7:06	9.45	7:27	9.43	Tees	4:46	5.24	4:57	5.42
King's Lynn	7:14	6.72	7:30	7.01	Wilton-on-Nze	0:32	4.32	0:57	4.36

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ANDRÉ CAMARA



Greenpeace campaigners protested at the launch of the public offer yesterday, claiming that the generators were among Europe's worst polluters

Green protest greets Clarke

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had to run the gauntlet of Greenpeace campaigners protesting about environmental pollution when he arrived at the final launch for the UK public offer of shares in National Power and PowerGen, the two electricity generators.

So far, 3.1 million people have registered with share shops to buy into the £4 billion issue, about 300,000 more than the equivalent number for the last big public share offer, the third sale of BT shares.

Mr Clarke, who arrived almost an hour late for the launch because a Cabinet meeting at which the Government split over Europe was discussed overran, announced that the public would get a 10p discount to the price at which both the shares are being sold to City institutions.

The two shares are being sold together in a package. The first payment by retail investors for each National Power share is 170p, while PowerGen is priced at 185p. The minimum package is 120 National Power shares and 80 in PowerGen. Mr Clarke has confirmed that investors will receive the final dividends forecast, and payable in July, on their part-paid shares. "We have left the retail shares distribution to the private sector, and we haven't been let down. The share shop has come of age," he added.

"This is likely to be one of the largest, if not the largest, share offers in the world this year," Mr Clarke added.

Of the shares being sold, at least 40 per cent will go to individuals applying in the UK public offer, but this proportion can be increased if demand is sufficiently strong to justify it. Mr Clarke said that the large number of potential investors registering by Tuesday's cut-off indicated public enthusiasm for shares.

Greenpeace claims that the two companies are among Europe's worst polluters. Cumulative environmental damage is equivalent to £16.80 per current share, according to the pressure group's calculations.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3051.1	(–23.8)
Yield	4.29%	
FT-SE A All shars	1508.39	(–9.97)
Nikkei	17780.59	(–210.41)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3974.06	(–12.11)*
S&P Composite	483.51	(–1.03)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 5/16%	(6¼)
Long Bond	100 17/32	(100 5/32)
Yield	7.58%*	(7.56%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 5/16%	(6¼)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	101 21/32	(101 17/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5768*	(1.5810)
London:		
$	1.5785	(1.5601)
DM	2.3524	(2.3578)
FFr	8.1810	(8.1830)
SFr	1.9872	(1.9943)
Yen	153.81	(153.70)
£ Index	87.1	(87.0)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4922*	(1.5095)
FFr	5.1810*	(5.2385)
SFr	1.2605*	(1.2760)
Yen	97.57*	(98.35)
$ Index	61.8	(62.3)

Tokyo close Yen 97.85

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Apr)	$16.80	($16.75)

GOLD

London close	$377.05	($376.15)

* denotes midday trading price

Kleinwort slips

Kleinwort Benson, the City merchant bank that has been the subject of recent takeover speculation, bucked the recent trend among investment banks by limiting the fall in its 1994 profits to 5 per cent. Turbulent equity and bond markets saw the bank's dealing profits slump.
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N&P bonuses

National & Provincial, Britain's eighth-largest building society, accompanied an 11 per cent advance in 1994 profits with plans to reward more than half of its three million customers for their loyalty with special bonuses when they buy N&P products.
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Protests over British Gas soar

By Ross Tieman

COMPLAINTS about service from British Gas have reached record levels as the company reorganises so that the Government can open the gas market to competition.

Protests from customers rocketed to 5,246 during January, an increase of 172 per cent year on year, the Gas Consumers Council said. In the three months to January, complaints rose 94 per cent, to 10,960.

The January figure was the highest recorded by the consumer watchdog since the privatisation of British Gas in 1986. The previous monthly peak was 3,670, recorded in 1988.

Ian Powe, director of the council, was in no doubt that the reorganisation plans unleashed by Cedric Brown, British Gas's chief executive, were responsible.

Mr Powe said that if British Gas wanted to hold on to its market share after the household market was progressively opened to competition from 1996 it must "recapture" consumer confidence.

According to the council, the level of customer dissatisfaction seemed to have peaked in January, and was now falling again. Mr Powe said British Gas appeared to be responding to customer pressure.

Analysis of the complaints suggests a clear link between customer dissatisfaction and publicity over a 75 per cent pay rise, to £475,000, given to Mr Brown, a rise in prices, and the introduction of a new discount scheme.

Norman Blacker, a British Gas director, said that he was concerned about the figures.

CBI urges Cabinet to calm sterling

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

THE Confederation of British Industry yesterday attributed nervousness in the financial markets to political uncertainty and called for a Cabinet ceasefire on the single European currency, rather than an interest rate rise, to calm sterling.

Speaking at the London region's annual lunch yesterday, Howard Davies, CBI Director-General, said that the recovery remained soundly based in spite of rising headline inflation and a softening of retail demand.

But he said that the fly in the ointment remained investment where intentions were weak. "That is why we hope that the authorities will not react to market uncertainty with another interest rate rise which does not look justified in anti-inflation terms."

He said that the markets had clearly been unsettled by this week's economic news, but that there was no cause for alarm. The pound yesterday stabilised on a trade-weighted basis, closing at 87.1, compared with 87.0 on Wednesday. But sterling remained weak against a strong German mark, closing about one pfennig lower on the day at DM2.3498. Most European currencies have been battered by the mark's strength.

Sterling, however, has also had to contend with continuing in-fighting within the Government over the single currency. Ann Robinson, head of the policy unit at the Institute of Directors, yesterday weighed into the debate, saying that Economic and Monetary Union "must be the most risky policy choice that any politicians have made since the dawn of democracy".

She added that EMU would be a trap from which no escape was permitted until the markets blew it apart as they did the exchange-rate mechanism.

The current debate in Britain about the single currency is taking place against a background of mounting currency turbulence centred on strength in the German mark. The mark is profiting from increasing talk about when the Bundesbank will move German rates higher for the first time since the economy began to recover. Yesterday, the Bundesbank's policy-making council left rates unchanged as widely expected.

Reinforcing German rate speculation is the current row between IG Metall, Germany's largest union, and employers that has led to threats of strike action. German economists argue that any capitulation by employers would make a rate rise more likely.

The mark's strength sent the Italian lira to an all-time low of 1076.30 to the mark, forcing the Bank of Italy to intervene in its defence. Like Britain, Italy's currency has been reacting partly to political troubles with fears that Lamberto Dini, Italy's Prime Minister, will not be able to push through his plans for tackling Italy's huge budget deficit.

The mark also continued to put the dollar under pressure. The US currency fell to 1.49 to the mark yesterday, its lowest level since the beginning of November. US statistics showing jobless claims a little higher than expected and a sharp fall in housing starts undermined the currency.

Also undermining the dollar yesterday was revived fear about the knock-on effect of continuing turmoil in Mexico. Continued uncertainty caused by the rebellion in Chiapas and bad news about the financial health of several Mexican companies hit the peso and, in turn, the dollar.

In Britain, sterling's weakness and a negative start on Wall Street contributed to a fall of 23.8 points on the day. The FT-SE 100 index closed at 3,051.1.

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Barclays ordered to pay firm £1.8m

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

BARCLAYS BANK has lost its appeal against a High Court ruling that it make an interim payment of £1.8 million and costs to Crimpfil, a South Wales company that went into administration in 1991 after the bank withdrew an overdraft facility.

Last April Mr Justice Horden found that "on the balance of probabilities Crimpfil's failure was due to Barclays' breaches". The full trial for damages is due to be heard in June. Crimpfil's full claim is understood to be in excess of £10 million.

Barclays said it was "disappointed" by the judgment, but was "planning ahead for the quantum hearing in June". It said it had felt that the interim payment was too high. Keith Goodman, joint administrator of the company and a partner in Leonard Curtis, the insolvency firm, said the case was "a true illustration of the value of administrations".

Crimpfil made twisted yarn for stretch fabric. Barclays had granted it a £2 million overdraft in July 1989 and cancelled it the following May. Administrators were appointed in July 1991.

The success of the Crimpfil action has caused banks concern that they could face a series of copy-cat claims from small companies whose loans have been cancelled in similar circumstances.

Industry generates £3bn surplus

By Our Economics Correspondent

THE strong performance of British industry boosted corporation tax receipts and allowed a £3 billion surplus on the Government's accounts in January.

The City was, however, divided yesterday on whether strong company tax inflows would allow the Government to undershoot its projection for a Public Sector Borrowing Requirement of £34 billion this year. While industrial activity has been growing strongly, consumer demand has been weakening, leading to a falling away of VAT revenues, despite VAT on fuel.

The January surplus, quite usual at this time of the year as companies with financial years ending in April rush to beat a deadline for paying corporation tax, left the PSBR for the first ten months of the year at a cumulative total of £20.1 billion. In January last year, the inflow of funds was £1.8 billion and left a cumulative PSBR of £29.1 billion.

The bumper receipts this January do not necessarily mean that the PSBR will undershoot the Government's projection. The Central Statistical Office noted that February and March last year saw a combined borrowing requirement of £15.8 billion.

Another focus of market attention was the publication of the minutes from the meeting on December 28 between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. Since that meeting, the two decided to raise interest rates by a further ½ point to 6.75 per cent this month.

They noted that manufacturing output growth has been strong but that consumer demand has been weak and may decline further. They also said that an export-led recovery is not necessarily less inflationary than growth generated by domestic demand and concluded that another interest rate rise was not necessary.

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Europe acts over nuclear funding

By Colin Narbrough

THE European Parliament last night voted overwhelmingly in favour of an emergency resolution that called for the blocking of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) funds for a controversial nuclear project in Slovakia.

The cross-party resolution said the DM412 million EBRD contribution, the bank's biggest single investment, should not be approved until safety issues had been satisfactorily resolved.

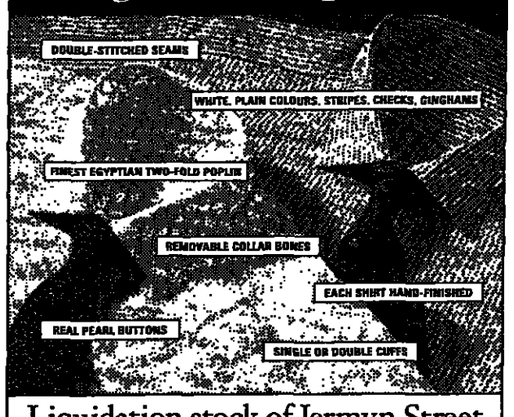
The EBRD, based in London, the European Commission and the European Investment Bank were all requested to postpone decisions on the DM1.4 billion project.

Approval of the resolution heightened the political opposition to the project, which has so far been led by non-nuclear Austria, a neighbour of Slovakia. Franz Vranitzky, the Austrian Chancellor, yesterday declared his Government's official rejection of the project, located 100 miles from the Austrian frontier.

Herr Vranitsky, whose country threatens to become the first EBRD member to quit the bank, said he planned to discuss the Mochovce project with John Major, when the Prime Minister visits Vienna next month.

Greenpeace, the environmental group, issued a damning report on the project in London on Wednesday, saying that it lay on a tectonic fault, besides being unsafe and not the lowest cost option.

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Charles quits as life president of Saatchi



Charles Saatchi: new firm

By Jon Ashworth

CHARLES SAATCHI formally resigned as honorary life president of Saatchi & Saatchi yesterday, leaving a potential £1.2 million payout unresolved. The move, flagged last week, came the day after two important clients announced that they were switching their business.

Mr Saatchi, 51, is now free to join his brother, Maurice, 48, in a rival venture, provisionally dubbed The New Saatchi Advertising Agency. In resigning, he walks away from a contract worth £312,000 a year with four years left to run.

Mr Saatchi hopes to agree an out-of-court settlement with Saatchi & Saatchi, but he reserves the right to sue for constructive dismissal. He would argue that the agency had made his position intolerable by serving three writs on him while he was still in office, refusing to meet him, and by openly accusing him of gross misconduct.

In a terse statement, Saatchi & Saatchi said it accepted his resignation and totally rejected any suggestion of unfair or constructive dismissal. Charles is technically bound by two years of covenants restricting him from poaching clients or staff. Suspicions that he was about to resign surfaced during a court hearing last week, in which Saatchi & Saatchi was seeking to bind three senior directors to the terms of their service contracts. In an affidavit read out in court, Charles said he intended to join his brother as soon as possible. Saatchi & Saatchi later admitted that he had signed heads of agreement relating to the formation of the new agency. It separately launched legal proceedings against the various parties, including Charles, in an attempt to stop them using the Saatchi name. A third writ aims at recovering funds arising from an investment in Adidas, the German sporting goods group.

Gallaher, the maker of Silk Cut cigarettes, announced on Wednesday that it was switching its business to the new rival agency. Charles wrote the Silk Cut campaign, but never became involved in day-to-day issues. Mirror Group Newspapers has also switched, taking billings of £7.9 million with it. Saatchi & Saatchi said new business wins have more than made up for the losses.

Directors of failed firms face longer bans

By Martin Barrow
City News Editor

UNFIT directors of failed companies are now more likely to be disqualified by the courts, and for longer periods, the Insolvency Service said yesterday.

In the final quarter of last year, 140 disqualification orders were made by the courts, compared with 83 in the same period in 1993, an increase of 69 per cent, according to figures published yesterday. During the quarter, the number of directors disqualified for between five years and the maximum 15 years increased to 61 per cent of the total, against 42 per cent in the last three months of 1993.

Those affected by the Insolvency Service's get-tough approach included Nicholas de Savary, brother of Peter de Savary, the developer, and Joseph Keefe, who received disqualification orders of five and two years respectively in October in connection with their conduct in the management of Seawillow Limited.

Seawillow was a property development company that went into voluntary liquidation in March 1991 with an estimated deficiency as regards creditors of more than £18 million, now expected to be in excess of £30 million. When Seawillow ceased trading Mr de Savary's current account with the company was overdrawn by some £2.8 million. So far, the liquidator has been unable to recover the £2.8 million from Mr de Savary, who is now subject to an individual voluntary arrangement.

The Insolvency Service said that disqualification proceedings were started against 290 directors of failed companies in the final quarter of 1994, compared with 119 directors in the final quarter of 1993, a rise of 144 per cent. During 1994, disqualification orders for periods of between five and 15 years increased to 53 per cent of the total as against an average 41 per cent for the years 1986 to 1993. By December 31, a total of 1162 applications for disqualifications awaited determination by the courts. Disqualification proceedings against 74 of these directors were based on reports from official receivers on companies ordered to be wound up by the courts and 216 were based on reports by insolvency practitioners in other insolvency proceedings.

In the same quarter of 1993, proceedings began against 15 directors based on reports from official receivers and 104 from insolvency practitioners. A total of 747 proceedings commenced against directors for the 12 months to the end of December 1994, a rise of 77 per cent over 1993.

Industry told R&D is key to unlock markets

By Colin Narbrough

BRITISH industry's low spending on research and development (R&D) is deeply worrying, but there are signs that shareholders are showing greater enthusiasm for managements committed to R&D, according to Peter Williams, chairman and chief executive of Oxford Instruments.

Mr Williams said that British companies would under-achieve in world markets unless they exploited one of the country's national assets: its science and technology base. Industry, shareholders and the City had to invest in the whole process of innovation to turn scientific prowess into hard cash.

At the QE2 conference centre in Westminster last night, Mr Williams became the first British chief executive to deliver the UK Innovation Lecture, an annual event sponsored by the Royal Society, the Royal Academy of Engineering, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Confederation of British Industry and the Design Council.

The choice of Oxford Instruments, a university start-up company involved in a range of leading-edge technologies and now listed, is an accolade for a relatively small company. The previous speakers had been the heads of Sony, Glaxo and Ericsson.

Mr Williams said his company spent three to four times more on R&D than it distributed in dividends, while the average listed UK company distributed twice as much in dividends as it devoted to R&D. He said he dreamt of British industry increasing its R&D by 1 per cent of turnover, which would raise R&D expenditure by 60 per cent.

Oxford Instruments was strongly supported in its commitment to R&D by its investors, Mr Williams said. "More often than not you can trace the origins of the UK's under-investment to a company boardroom rather than the City."

Small, hi-tech companies were, however, still better appreciated in America, Japan and Germany, Mr Williams said, but he noted that Britain had world class scientific research, which combined well with Japanese-style manufacturing discipline.

Although seed-corn finance was readily available in Britain for science-based ventures, the difficulty of finding more capital forced companies to the stock market earlier than in competitor countries. The scale of investment involved, if British industry wanted the same innovation rate as its international rivals, called for consensus between shareholders and management, not confrontation.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Henry Sweetbaum, chairman of Wickes: optimistic despite Sainsbury's expansion

Wickes DIY flourishes in tough competition

By Susan Gilchrist

WICKES, the DIY and timber merchant, shrugged off the difficulties that have plagued other retailers in the DIY market to report a 69 per cent rise in profits last year.

The group, which is set to become the fourth-largest DIY retailer in Britain after the acquisition of Texas Homecare by J Sainsbury's Homebase, saw pre-tax profits jump to £30.1 million from £17.8 million in the year to December 31.

The result was well ahead of City expectations and prompted some analysts to upgrade their forecasts for the current year from about £40 million to £45 million.

Henry Sweetbaum, chairman, said the Wickes chain had increased its UK market share to just under 6 per cent from about 4.6 per cent. "We achieved double-digit growth every month except for August," he said.

He remained optimistic about the prospects for further growth despite Sainsbury's takeover of Texas. He said Homebase was at the more decorative end of the DIY market while Wickes serviced the structural end. "We are complementary rather than competitive," he said.

Hunter Timber, the group's timber importing and distribution operation, returned to profit. However, Malden Timber, the timber merchants chain, remained in the red.

A final dividend of 1.3p (0.8p) brings the total payout to 1.8p (1.0p). Shareholders will be paid on July 18.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

PIA members face £3m jump in fees

THE Personal Investment Authority has announced that annual fees for its members will have to rise by £3 million in the next financial year to meet the regulator's £30.6 million financing needs. Members will also have to find an extra £3.2 million in 1995-96 to fund the newly established Pensions Unit. This was established on the orders of the Securities and Investments Board, the chief city regulator, to deal with the review of hundreds of thousands of cases concerning the mis-selling of personal pension policies which is about to be undertaken by life companies and independent financial advisers.

The PIA will also have to pay an even greater share towards the cost of supporting the SIB. Costs for the SIB's fees in the next financial year will rise from £5.5 million to £6.2 million. Other extra costs will be incurred by the new Ombudsman's office and the Investors Compensation Scheme levy, to be set in April. The main burden of the increased regulatory costs will fall on life and unit trust companies. The former members of Lautro face a total fee increase in 1995-96 of 14.7 per cent while independent financial advisers, who used to belong to Fimbra, will have to pay an extra 9.3 per cent. The extra costs are certain to anger PIA members who feel that they are paying too much for the stricter regulatory regime which is now in place.

Barclays request

BARCLAYS BANK is expected to ask its shareholders for the power to buy back its own shares at the annual meeting in May. The move would enable it to use excess capital to improve the quality of earnings for shareholders. To do so, it needs their permission. The bank is in the middle of a review of capital requirements. Barclays had the ability to buy back shares, but let it lapse in 1993. Another alternative for the bank would be to pay a special divididend to shareholders when it announces its results in March.

US housing gloom

CONSTRUCTION starts on new homes and apartments in America tumbled at the sharpest rate in a year in January, the Commerce Department reported yesterday as rising interest rates sapped the housing industry. The annual rate of starts on new homes dropped 9.8 per cent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.38 million homes after a revised fall of 0.6 per cent in December. That was a much steeper plunge than expected by economists, who had forecast January starts at a rate of 1.49 million annually.

Green to leave Scotrail

CHRIS GREEN, head of Scotrail and one of British Rail's most outspoken critics of privatisation, is to take early retirement. Mr Green, once tipped as a possible successor to Sir Bob Reid as chairman of BR, is leaving the industry at the end of the month to pursue other interests. He is regarded as one of BR's most successful managers. In a recent article, Mr Green said he would be running Scotrail down if he did not receive more subsidy. He predicted that the consequence of cuts in funding would be to run fewer trains with fewer staff.

EBC expects losses

EBC GROUP, the construction company based in Exeter, expects to incur annual losses of around £5 million as a result of writedowns and restructuring costs and sees the final dividend at 0.5p a share, reducing the total to 2.25p (4p). Profits are expected to be around £750,000 for 1994, but the company will take a £5.8 million one-off charge due to property writedowns and restructuring costs. The company's announcement came after share trading had ended for the day and EBC shares closed unchanged at 61p.

Albert Fisher update

ALBERT FISHER, the food group, yesterday reported that trading was in line with expectations but added that the results for the full year would be hit by a £6.5 million exceptional loss on the sale of its Belgian food broking business last year. In a trading update, the group said the £6.5 million exceptional loss following the disposal of Delbys last November mainly represented the reversal of goodwill previously written off to reserves. Profits from North America, which accounts for about 30 per cent of the group, have improved.

Insurers join forces

LEADING insurance brokers have joined forces to provide a terrorism insurance scheme for commercial property in the UK. The scheme, set up by Willis Corroon, Bowring, Sedgwick, Bain Hogg, and Alexander & Alexander in association with the British Insurance and Investment Brokers' Association, offers cover up to £25 million for each property. The advantage of the scheme over Pool Re, the government-backed arrangement, is that companies can pick and choose which individual properties they want to insure.

ECGD widens access

THE Export Credits Guarantee Department has widened access to two of its reinsurance facilities to put other credit insurers on level terms with NCM, the Dutch company that bought ECGD's short-term operations in 1991. As part of the deal, NCM was allowed sole access to ECGD reinsurance. Last year Trade Indemnity was also allowed access to the ECGD's "top-up" reinsurance facility. The move makes available to all eligible credit insurers the ECDG's "long-and-large" and "national interest" reinsurance facilities.

Bell and AT&T at odds

AT&T, the US telecoms company, was jilted by the smaller Bell Atlantic yesterday, and will no longer play a role in the building of a profitable, high-tech, interactive video network for eight million homes. Bell Atlantic was set to announce formally that AT&T has been dropped as "systems integrator", or general contractor, for the ambitious project. The larger telephone company regarded its appointment last May as a coup. The two firms are believed to have become embroiled in disputes over the terms of the contract.

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Private route for the M1 and M6

By Jonathan Prynn, Transport Correspondent

HUGE motorway widening schemes could be included in the next phase of the Government's programme of handing over responsibility for new roads to the private sector.

Department of Transport officials regard large-scale motorway projects as the next logical step in the development of the Government's Design, Build, Finance and Operate (DBFO) contracts.

They point to the plans to widen the M6 between Birmingham and Manchester and the M1 between London and Birmingham as candidates for a third tranche of DBFO projects.

So far, the Government has announced eight DBFO road schemes, worth more than £500 million and accounting for about 6 per cent of England's trunk road network.

John Watts, the Roads Minister, said there had been "an enthusiastic response" from the private sector to the first DBFO projects. "We now want to extend their expertise into the management of important roads," he said.

Consortia of contractor-backed private funding will build and maintain the roads over the course of 30-year contracts, receiving "shadow tolls" from the Government based on the number of cars using the roads. The contracts for the first tranche of the DBFO project are likely to be awarded in the autumn and the second in spring 1996.

There are no current plans to offer further contracts, but if the experimental schemes prove successful responsibility for much of England's motorway network could be in private hands by early next century.

The projects raise the prospect of rival motorways competing through advertising to attract drivers and the revenues they generate from the Government.



Watts: more expertise

Mercury job losses running much faster than expected

By Eric Reguly

THE job-loss programme at Mercury Communications is running 50 per cent ahead of schedule and has caused more forced redundancies than anticipated when Mercury unveiled its restructuring plan in early December.

Duncan Lewis, chief executive, said that almost 1,800 of company's 11,400 employees have left already. He had expected no more than 1,200 workers to go by March, and a further 1,300 by the end of the year. The quick pace of the cuts means that Mercury has to eliminate only 700 additional jobs.

Mercury, however, failed to reach its voluntary redundancy target. Mr Lewis thought that 70 per cent would take the voluntary severence package, but only 60 per cent did so.

The first round of job cuts have hit management especially hard. Almost half of the company's 1,000 managers are gone. The total job loss programme will cost about £40 million. Mr Lewis said the target of shedding 1,200 employees by March had been based on quickly made assumptions. "I had only three weeks to plan the restructuring," he said, adding that the first phase did not match expectations.

With most of the job cuts out of the way, Mercury now is concentrating on refining its long-term business plan. It has hired Bain & Co, the management consultant, to map out new "strategic marketing" plans for each of the main operating divisions.

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.04
Austria Sch	17.61	16.11
Belgium Fr	51.57	47.27
Canada $	2.309	2.149
Cyprus Cypf	0.771	0.716
Denmark Kr	9.92	9.12
Finland Mkk	7.84	7.19
France Fr	8.64	7.99
Germany Dm	2.62	2.51
Greece Dr	392.00	367.00
Hong Kong $	12.77	11.77
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Israel	5.2199	4.4698
Italy Lire	2615.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	168.00	152.00
Malta	0.612	0.557
Netherlds Gld	2.798	2.668
Norway Kr	10.93	10.13
Portugal Esc	255.00	238.80
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.32
Spain Pta	210.50	196.50
Sweden Kr	12.17	11.37
Switzerland Fr	2.13	1.93
Turkey Lira	refer	62243.0
USA $	1.667	1.557

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☐ Gas lesson for Microsoft ☐ Inflation figures invalidate rate rise decision ☐ Dilemma over non-executives' gravy train

Monopoly muddles

☐ EVERYONE hates monopolies. How to deal with them is a trickier issue on both sides of the Atlantic. The US Justice Department is in the embarrassing position of appealing to the courts on behalf of Microsoft, which controls 70 per cent of the market for computer operating systems. An interventionist Federal District judge threw out a deal between the company and the Department on the grounds that the concessions wrung out of Microsoft were feeble.

Judge Stanley Sporkin said the agreement barring a range of measures to keep competitors out was too little too late, merely telling Microsoft "to go forth and sin no more". The judge reckoned the anti-trust authorities should have attacked the "unfair advantage" the company had already built up and tried to break Microsoft's monopoly.

The Justice Department is understandably upset, having taken over a fruitless four-year investigation by another agency. It might be fortified in its resolve if it glanced across to Britain. Having suffered comparable frustrations over the monopoly position of British Gas, the authorities went for the big bang, breaking the monopoly in all but pipelines, forcing in competition at break-neck speed.

Responding to the challenge, British Gas has imported a new, toughly commercial, competitive culture. The unhappy side-effects have hogged the headlines for months. Yesterday's report from the Gas Consumers Council, detailing a rapid rise in complaints from customers, suggests that the pace of forced change is now damaging the company's basic business.

Ian Powe, pragmatic GCC director, asks "whether British Gas has been temporarily blown off course by the wind of change now rushing throught the gas industry, or has deliberately altered course away from the perils of spending as much on customer care as they once did". He reckons "the pace of change has outstripped public patience".

In Britain, the authorities have done what Judge Sporkin wanted. They imposed a theoretically optimum solution, but did not think out the consequences. In the short term, at least, these are bad for many consumers. Microsoft's monopoly is not natural, like gas, still less legal. Its dominance was built by its own skill via free competition and has made it one of America's greatest industrial assets. By making standards backed by its own patent rights, however, Microsoft's dominance has become just as entrenched.

After those four fruitless years, the Justice Department gave up the idea of breaking the monopoly, which might have damaged a successful company needlessly. Instead, it restricted itself to stopping Microsoft abusing its monopoly to milk customers, to give its own new products an unfair advantage and to keep out competitors artificially. The consent decree may not have done this too well. There will doubtless be further measures. But the intention was surely right.

Odd light in dark corners

☐ THERE seemed every reason for Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George to stay their hand on interest rates at their meeting on December 28 and the minutes published yesterday shed rather an odd light on the decision to raise rates at their next meeting on February 2.

Both men acknowledged that



consumer spending appeared to be slowing and that it was too soon at that stage to determine whether stronger sales at Christmas time would be sustained and lead to upward pressure on prices. They expressed concern about incipient price pressures at the beginning of the production chain but the Chancellor in particular questioned whether retailers would be able to raise prices, even if they wanted to.

In retrospect, this wait and see approach seems eminently sensible. This week's figures wiped out the perception only about a fortnight ago that inflation at the input price level would feed through to the high street. Retail sales fell 0.9 per cent in January while retail prices were unchanged on the month. For all the headlines about "soaring" inflation because the annual rate had risen, price pressures were remarkably subdued in January.

It is just as likely that the continued squeeze on the high street will feed back along the production chain and stop the rise in producer prices in its track than the opposite. Mr Clarke, in yesterday's minutes, appeared to pour cold water on Mr George's worry that higher raw materials costs would push up factory gate prices and eventually prices in the shops.

If the strength in retail sales during December was the reason why rates were raised on February 2, then this week's figures rather invalidate the decision.

While it was fashionable only a few weeks ago to worry that the authorities were behind the curve in raising interest rates to prevent a build-up of inflationary pressures, it is not now outlandish to worry whether they have indulged in overkill.

Euphoria over the export-led recovery could soon turn to gloom if the high street slumps back into recession. Rebalancing the economy away from consumption is a laudable aim but dangerous in the real world when an election has to be fought.

The part-time option

☐ A SLY little amendment to this year's Finance Bill, slipped in by the Government with no great fanfare, could be good news for impecunious non-executive directors who may feel they are missing their just rewards.

The plight of the nation's non-executives was a surprising omission from the recent Rowntree report into poverty, despite the revelation this week that they earn on average a mere £14,400 for a grinding 15 days' work a year. They have also, up till now, been left off the share option gravy train.

Part-time employees who work less than 20 hours a week, or directors on less than 25 hours, cannot be included in Tax Approved Executive Share Option Schemes, which means a tax charge arises for them as soon as the option is exercised and before any monetary gain is seen. But European Court pressure to give part-timers equal rights has prompted the amendment, which brings them into the tax-approved schemes.

There is only one minor flaw. Share options for non-executives, although neither illegal nor entirely unknown, are very much against the Cadbury Code. Non-executive share options are unusual, at least in part, because they are so tax-inefficient — at least up until now. Cadbury is, of course, not compulsory, although companies who do not comply must, under Stock Exchange rules, say so in the accounts. Here is the dilemma for the unscrupulous: is it worth a breach of Cadbury to reward non-executives to the same degree that they have already rewarded their executives?

Taxing brief

☐ AS another mammoth Finance Bill meanders through Parliament, the Treasury promises rebellious tax experts it will consider making tax laws simpler. Using clear, simple language is down to raising the skills and status of draughtsmen. For laws to be briefer, government would need to resurrect an all-embracing anti-avoidance law that the courts tried but shied away from. Tax experts would hate that.


DES JENSON

Kleinwort's strategy has been successful and the bank is not looking for suitors, says Lord Rockley, the chairman

Kleinwort fights back against the hard times

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

KLEINWORT BENSON has bucked the recent trend among investment banks, limiting the fall in its 1994 profits to just 5 per cent at £97 million. The picture painted by Kleinwort is in stark contrast to the situation at some of its rivals, notably S G Warburg.

The figures reflect a huge drop in dealing profits from £104 million in 1993 to £43.3 million in turbulent equity and bond markets, offset by a 16 per cent increase in fees and commissions to £310.7 million.

Kleinwort has been the subject of continued stock market speculation that it will be taken over. Lord Rockley, the chairman, said: "We have a strategy which we have proven is successful in tough conditions. That is what we are taking forward. I am not looking for suitors." He did not comment on whether the bank has had approaches other than to say: "There is a different rumour every day" and he would not comment on rumours. He said: "In general 1994 was a successful year for Kleinwort Benson. We have seen our strategy succeed in what have been pretty difficult conditions."

Total costs rose by just 0.24 per cent to £334.3 million. Staff costs were 7 per cent higher at £212.6 million, which includes provision for bonus payments.

Bonuses will be paid next month. Lord Rockley said Kleinwort "intends to pay competitive bonuses," but would not comment on the size of the bonus pool. A decline in other administrative expenses from £108.1 million to £98 million was due to a £7 million release of the £17 million provisions made in 1992 and 1993 for the expected future costs of excess space.

Rob Jeens, finance director, said that the head count had reduced but is now rising at a faster than anticipated rate and some of the space is no longer surplus. Kleinwort also made a net release of bad debt provisions, up from £700,000 to £9.3 million. Investment banking profits fell from £76.1 million to £61.9 million, hit by a fall in dealing profits and offset by rising corporate finance activity.

Last year Kleinwort advised on 40 mergers and acquisitions worth over £10 billion, up 100 per cent on 1993's value. The company is currently advising the government on the sale of the second tranche of shares in the power generating companies.

The investment management business lifted its profits from £26.4 million to £35.1 million. The business has £14.3 billion funds under management, up from £13 billion, while those managed by its associates and joint ventures more than doubled from £6 billion to £13.6 billion.

Lord Rockley said there were good business opportunities this year, but markets remained subdued by political and economic uncertainties.

The dividend has been increased by 16 per cent to 21.5p, at the higher end of expectations. The final payment of 14.75p is due on May 9.

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Tomkins snaps up Lyons Cakes

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

ALLIED DOMECQ is to sell Lyons Cakes to Tomkins for £35 million in cash as part of its strategy to concentrate on its core spirits and retailing activities.

The Lyons Cakes business, best known for its Lyons Cup Cakes, Swiss Rolls and Battenberg products, has factories in Carlton and Wakefield in Yorkshire and a distribution operation in Dublin.

Greg Hutchings, Tomkins' chief executive, said the business would complement the group's Manor Bakeries operation, which manufactures Mr Kipling and Cadbury's Cakes and was acquired as part of the RHM deal in 1992.

He believes there are substantial savings to be made from combining the two businesses through improved manufacturing processes and greater distribution efficiency.

He refused to be drawn on the likelihood of job losses among Lyons' 1,700 employees. The business is expected to make profit before interest and tax of £3.4 million on sales of £95.1 million in the year to March 3.

Tomkins already has 19 per cent of the branded cake market and the acquisition of Lyons Cakes, which has a share of just under 10 per cent, is subject to clearance by the Office of Fair Trading.

Allied Domecq has now raised more than £300 million from the disposal of its food manufacturing businesses. It is still looking for a buyer for its Tetley tea operation, the leading brand in Britain.

Computer group's shares suspended

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in Enterprise Computer Holdings, the loss-making computer services group formerly known as Systems Reliability, have been suspended at 3p "pending clarification of the company's financial position".

Hoare Govett, the company's broker, was not willing to comment further, but the news prompted fears about Enterprise's future. Nobody at Enterprise was available for comment although a further announcement was promised.

Enterprise is capitalised at £2.4 million at its latest share price although the shares were trading above the 30p level a year ago. It has been struggling over the past few years and said recently that it was in discussions with its bankers and analysts on a possible financial restructuring.

The group had said that it expected to declare the outcome of the talks together with its interims on February 15, but Enterprise's results were further delayed until today.

In the last set of figures reported, Enterprise incurred a pre-tax loss of £20.5 million (£6.14 million loss) in the year to March 31, 1994, on turnover of £16.4 million (£58.2 million). No dividend has been paid since 1992.

The company, which was known as Systems Reliability until 1991, used to be run by Robert Evans, formerly of Hillsdown, but he sold most of his stake when Shaun Dowling, a former Guinness director, took over.

Mr Dowling later handed over to John Small, the present chairman. Enterprise originally sold used mainframe computers, but an attempt to reposition itself in computer services proved more difficult than expected.

Albright chiefs buy at new float price

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

THE directors of Albright & Wilson, the chemicals group, have raised their investment in the company's flotation following the decision of its advisers earlier to sell the shares off at a cut price earlier this week.

Both Sir Christopher Benson, the chairman, and Dr Robin Paul, chief executive, decided to increase their investment in the company by 50 per cent once they learnt that the shares were going to be priced at 150p instead of the minimum of 170p that the City had expected.

The two will now invest £180,000. Many of the company's other managers and employees are also expected to take advantage of the float price.

Albright yesterday confirmed that it has completed the institutional placing at 150p and that now up to 15 per cent of the shares are being offered to the public. The float will raise only £470 million instead of the £600 million originally expected. Tenneco, Albright's former parent company, yesterday revised down its net profit figures for 1994 by $104 million to take account of the reduced offer price.

The lower float price has also provided Albright's directors with the prospect of high profits from their new share option packages. Albright yesterday granted 636,000 options to Dr Paul and two other directors, at the 150p float price. These can be exercised in three years time if the company's earnings grow by more than 2 per cent ahead of inflation.

Albright has also tried to allay investors' fears about the class action it faces in the US following an explosion at its plant in Charleston, North Carolina. Its prospectus states: "The group's liability insurance policies provide coverage for compensation, damages or other monies that may hereafter be awarded."

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Westland chairman takes off for BICC

By Martin Waller

THE head of the Westland helicopter group, which was taken over by GKN last year, has decamped to become chief executive at BICC, the cables-to-construction group. Alan Jones, 55, at first fiercely opposed the GKN bid as Westland chairman, but then after it was sweetened, joined the GKN board.

He joins BICC in April, taking on some of the burden being shouldered by Sir Robin Biggam, who continues as chairman. Sir Robin has recently signed a new three-year contract with BICC, although he is on a 12-month notice period.

BICC has been seeking a chief executive for a year.

Mr Jones was chief executive of Westland from 1989 and became chairman shortly before the company was acquired by GKN. His replacement as managing director of GKN's aerospace and special vehicles side is David Wright, chief executive of GKN's special vehicles division.

There was some surprise after the GKN bid for Westland that Mr Jones chose to stay with the group, but his departure after almost a year was unexpected. One market-watcher commented: "He has been offered his own ship to captain."



Alan Jones: gets own ship



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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

London fails to follow New York's record run

HOPES that London would capitalise on Wall Street's overnight record breaking run were quickly scuppered as renewed weakness in both the pound and the dollar came back to haunt investors.

The FT-SE 100 index saw an early lead of nine points, wiped out as investors continued to run scared of the uncertain political and economic outlook. At one stage, the index was almost 30 points down as New York opened lower, reflecting revived fears about the knock-on effect of turmoil in Mexico. Continued uncertainty caused by the rebellion in the province of Chiapas and bad news about the financial health of several Mexican companies hit the peso and, in turn, the dollar.

The index eventually closed 23.8 down at 3,051.1 with a total of 666.7 million shares changing hands.

The economic news this week has been far from encouraging with evidence of a slowdown in growth coupled with another sharp rise in the cost of living. Dealers are refusing to rule out the possibility of another rise in interest rates in the short term. There was certainly nothing contained within the minutes of the monthly meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Bank of England Governor, to suggest that a solution had been found to revitalise the "feel-good" factor.



An upbeat trading statement helped Albert Fisher shares

Norcros, the building materials group, was a late casualty, falling 17p to 80p after issuing a warning that it was likely to plunge into the red in the current year to March 31. Norcros said it was undertaking a big restructuring resulting in substantial provisions and property writedowns. There is also a question mark over the final dividend.

Norcros said margin pressure had continued in the second half and had been particularly acute in the building products division.

Mirror Group continued to lose ground, falling 5p to 128p. Last week, the shares touched 149p after MGN reached an out-of-court settlement with the Maxwell pensioners.

Takeover favourite **Fisons** enjoyed late support adding 2p at 118p as more than 2 million shares were traded. But **Unigate** fell 4p to 352p after being hit by reports that Sandoz, the Swiss pharmaceutical group, had denied suggestions it planned to bid for Nutricia, the Dutch baby foods group. Unigate has a 33 per cent stake in Nutricia which has been priced at more than £200 million.

British Aerospace stood out with a rise of 11p to 482p ahead of a meeting with Hoare Govett, the broker, scheduled for last night.

National Power eased 2p to 467p and **PowerGen** finished 3p cheaper at 490p as the Government unveiled the pricing formula for the sale of its remaining 40 per cent stake in each of the companies.

Private investors can choose between instalment discounts or share bonuses when making their applications. There will be three instalments as part of the retail offer which has already been set at 170p for National Power and 185p for Powergen followed by similar second instalments.

Overseas investors will be required to make an initial down payment of 180p for National Power and 195p for PowerGen as part of the international tender offer.

There were signs of much needed support for **BICC**, the cables group, with the price adding 7p at 328p after the appointment of former Westland head, Alan Jones, as chief executive. His appointment follows weeks of speculation that Sir Robin Biggam, BICC chairman, was about to jump ship which succeeded in depressing the price.

Full-year figures from **Kleinwort Benson** clearly reflected the affects of current investor apathy on financial markets. As expected, pre-tax profits last year declined, although the 5 per cent fall to £97 million was less than some brokers had anticipated. The shares, which have been the subject of intense takeover speculation, finished 7p lower at 632p.

A reasonable upbeat trading statement enabled **Albert Fisher**, the fruit and vegetable distributor, to avoid the downward pull of the market and finish the day with a rise of a penny at 45p. The group said trading had continued to match expectations although full-year figures would include a loss of £6.5 million relating to the sale of Delbys, its Belgium unit.

Things seem to be going from bad to worse at **WMGO**, the international marketing group, headed by Bob Morton. The shares slipped 2p to 9½p after the group warned that profits for the full year were unlikely to exceed last year's figure and that there will be no final dividend.

The group blamed the problem on the worsening situation at its loss-making MMC Marketing and Communications, the PR consultancy business, which is to be closed. Its closure was certain to depress full-year figures.

Shares of **Enterprise Computers** were suspended at 3p pending clarification of the company's financial position. Last month, the group announced it was in talks with its bankers regarding financial restructuring. Interim figures were expected on Wednesday and were subsequently postponed until today.

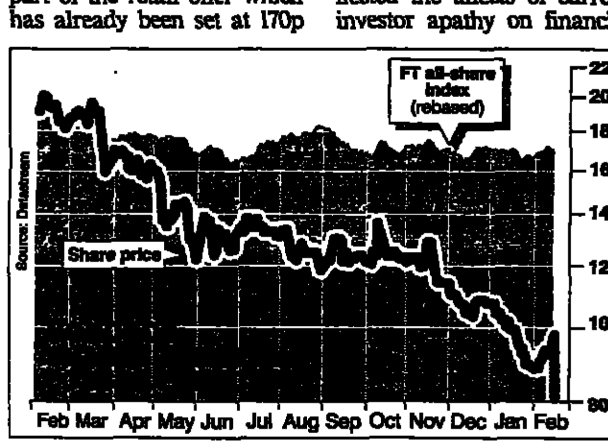
□ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts fluctuated in narrow limits for much of the day. The PSBR figures were unable to offer any support and an attempt to rally on the back of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Index lacked conviction.

In the futures pit the March series of the long gilt fell £3/16 to £101 21/32 as 64,000 contracts were completed.

Among conventional issues benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 fell £¼ to £95 13/32, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £1/16 easier at £97⅝.

□ **WALL STREET**: US shares were lower at midday after a slumping dollar and continued turmoil in Latin American markets unnerved investors. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 12.11 points at 3,974.06.

Worries about a slowdown in revenue growth tainted impressive figures from Reuters on Wednesday, but brokers rallied round the company yesterday with buy notes out from Henderson Crosthwaite, NatWest Securities and Bikuben Securities. NatWest says the shares represent outstanding value.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3974.06 (-12.11)
S&P Composite	483.51 (-1.03)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	17780.59 (-210.41)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	8133.34 (+30.20)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	410.09 (-3.18)
Sydney:	
AO	1860.2 (+17.3)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2115.72 (-19.32)
Singapore:	
Straits	2133.07 (+25.38)
Brussels:	
General	7092.51 (-3.11)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1835.00 (-26.90)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	628.00 (-3.50)
London:	
FT 30	2322.8 (-11.3)
FT 100	3051.1 (-23.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	3438.7 (-14.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1329.52 (-14.11)
FT A All-Share	1508.39 (-9.97)
FT Non Financials	1631.87 (-10.55)
FT Gold Mines	200.7 (-2.8)
FT Fixed Interest	109.82 (+0.21)
FT Govt Secs	91.10 (+0.03)
Bargains	22122
SEAQ Volume	666.7m
USM (Datastrm)	147.81 (+0.03)
US$	1.5767 (+0.0137)
German Mark	2.3498 (-0.0091)
Exchange Index	87.1 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2710
£:SDR	1.0602
RPI	146.0 Jan (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Bath Press (10)	13	...
Lazard Birla Ida	51¼	-2¼
Lazard Birla Ida Wts	29¾	-2¼
MCIT S Cap (35)	34	...
MCIT S Inc (35)	36	...
Mthsn Lloyds Inv (100)	81	...
Pentex Oil	90	...
Wessex Trust	11¼	...
Woodchester Units	125	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

BTP n/p (225)	18	...
Bath Press n/p (10)	3	...
Cadbury Sch Cv Ln n/p	80½	+6
European Colour n/p (57)	15	...
Nat Home Lns n/p (110)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Spandex	273p (+13p)
British Aerospace	482p (+10½p)
Chemring	323p (+10p)
Britannic	433p (+8p)
Savoy Hotel 'A'	930p (+10p)
Reuters	444p (+11p)
Misys	348p (+8p)
FALLS:	
Barclays	611p (-8p)
Tibury Douglas	503p (-12p)
Norcros	80p (-17p)
BAA	448p (-8p)
Wolseley	375p (-10p)
Takeda Chem	735p (-19p)
Adam & Harvey	580p (-20p)
Vendome	459p (-9p)
Grand Met	370p (-7p)
Guinness	422p (-6p)
Micro Focus	765p (-18p)
Lamont	322p (-9p)
Danka Bus Systems	365p (-10p)
GKN	577p (-9p)
Amersham	805p (-10p)
West Healthcare	293p (-38p)
Rank Org	368½p (-9½p)
Quarto	214p (-15p)
Gerrard Nat	438p (-10p)
Zeneca	895p (-15p)
Marks Spencer	379½p (-7½p)

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TEMPUS

The price of power

THE Government's privatisation machine, as engineered by Kleinwort Benson, Warburg *et al*, is by now a well-honed racer. Its improved performance after each share sale has added a new refinement, which makes it a pity that the National Power/PowerGen share issue is probably the last model.

There was something of a *fin de siècle* feeling in the air as Kenneth Clarke fronted a rather peremptory final launch of the share offer. Railtrack excepting, and a big question mark hangs over whether the Government can expect punters to queue up for that, there will be no more huge, high-profile sales of public assets at a built-in discount to the market price. All the expectations are that the generators will not prove to be a final blot on the privatisation copy-book. The bookbuilding process allows the price to be fine-tuned to prevent any last-minute shocks, while yesterday's 10p discount for the public offer is in line with other issues such as BT3. Shares in the generators are being sold on the back of the yield on the first dividend, payable in July. On the basis that shareholders hold the shares for the first year, ahead of the second instalment due in early February 1996, this stands at 14 per cent, more than any investment as relatively safe as the generators.

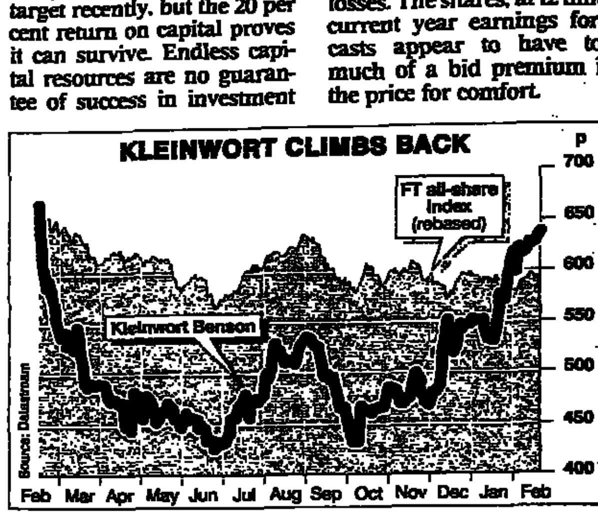
Relatively, because of the regulatory risk that has been well-publicised. The regulator has already stepped in once and, in a suspiciously well-timed outburst, delayed the process by a week. By this time next year, the two companies and the regulator could be head-to-head and the prices could be plunging. Investors who are in for the long haul and the loyalty bonuses should be aware of this.

Kleinwort Benson

FOR years, Kleinwort Benson has been viewed as the lame duck of the merchant banking industry, too small and accident-prone to compete with the top firms, too cumbersome to exploit profitable niche businesses. Now KB has had the last laugh by riding an appalling year in the financial markets while many of its illustrious rivals have nearly capsized. In profitability, KB is likely to run Warburg close this year.

The bank has made a virtue out of necessity. Its losses during the recession eroded its capital and prevented proprietary trading on any scale. That prevented it from suffering heavy losses in the bond and equity markets during 1994. Dealing profits still fell £60 million but this was partly compensated by a £39 million increase in fees thanks to healthy volumes of corporate finance business.

KB has been touted as everyone's favourite takeover target recently, but the 20 per cent return on capital proves it can survive. Endless capital resources are no guarantee of success in investment banking. Future growth will not be easy, given the competition for plum international mandates. This year's earnings will not benefit from a £9 million bad debt write-back or copious tax losses. The shares, at 12 times current year earnings forecasts appear to have too much of a bid premium in the price for comfort.



Wickes

THE DIY market has produced a number of casualties in recent years, but Wickes strides confidently on. It has differentiated itself from the mainstream chains by focusing on the serious, competent DIY-er and the formula has proved resoundingly successful. Like-for-like sales rose 12 per cent in the UK last year — even the mighty Homebase could only muster up 5 per cent at the last count.

The group feels sufficiently confident to accelerate its store-opening programme; 20 stores are planned in the UK this year and a further five in continental Europe. Given this expansion, coupled with the underlying growth of the business, it is quite feasible that the group may overtake Do It All to become the UK's third largest DIY retailer behind B&Q and Homebase.

Compared with the UK, growth from continental Europe seems somewhat pedestrian. But that could be about to change. Store openings will help, but the market itself is likely to show positive growth this year.

The timber operations may still fail to justify the £270 million paid for them in 1988 but at least Hunter is back in the black and losses have been reduced at Malden.

With a combination of growth and recovery driving the bottom line, the shares, on a prospective p/e of about 11 times, still look good value.

Albright & Wilson

HURRY now while stocks last! The Albright & Wilson share offer is reminiscent of an end of line sale. Tenneco wants to pull out of chemicals whatever the cost, to show the world it is concentrating on its core business.

Tenneco's determination, and the flat new issues market has thrown up an undeniable bargain for investors. There are reservations about Albright — the low margins on its surfactants business; its recent invesment in Mexico and the unpleasant class action it faces in the US. But at its core, it is an attractive chemicals business making vital components for basic foods and detergents.

The p/e ratios quoted in the prospectus are misleading. The offer looks cheap indeed on the stated 9.7 times, but this does not take account of the £3.5 million a year that independence will cost the company or a full tax charge. The true figure is closer to 12 times. Even this is cheap, particularly when supported by a 5 per cent yield on the notional 6p dividend for 1994.

The challenge for Albright is to lift the margins on its underperforming surfactants business. The £6.8 million it set aside last year to reorganise the business should help. With that prospect of growth, the offer is not one for private investors to miss.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	1038-1037	May	1061-1059
May	1026-1025	Jul	1067-1066
Jul	1034-1032	Sep	1075-1074
Sep	1042-1041	Dec	1092-1091
Dec	1044-1046		
Mar	1054-1053		Volume: 7954

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	2940-2939	Nov	2770-2760
May	2887-2886	Jan	2760-2750
Jul	2820-2818	Mar	2755-2745
Sep	2790-2785		Volume: 5967

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	345.0-43.1
Spot: 400.0		Mar	341.9-39.3
May	397.6-97.2	May	341.7-37.4
Aug	380.4-80.0	Aug	339.7-34.4
Oct	350.5-50.0		Volume: 19002

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	83.02	120.72	120.04
(+/-)	-3.16	+2.44	+0.52
Eng/Wales:	83.02	120.57	119.55
(+/-)	-3.16	+1.73	+0.41
(%)	-8.0	-14.0	+7.0
Scotland:	unq	121.35	123.11
(+/-)	--	+5.01	+1.61
(%)	--	-29.0	-11.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.10	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.80	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (May)	16.65	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	18.50	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (May)	18.35	(n/c)

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 169 (n/c)	O: 170 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	145 (-1)	146 (-1)
Non EEC1H Mar	146 (n/c)	147 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Apr	148 (n/c)	149 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	102 (-1)	104 (n/c)
Naphtha	167 (n/c)	168 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Mar	143.00-43.25	Jun	145.50-45.75
Apr	144.50-44.75	Jul	147.00-47.25
May	145.25-45.50		Vol: 18251

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	16.86-16.87	Jul	16.58 BID
May	16.70-16.71	Aug	16.44 BID
Jun	16.65 BID		Vol: 21074

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	108.20
May	109.50
Jul	110.70
Sep	98.45
Nov	99.40
	Volume: 177

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	102.40
May	103.40
Sep	96.85
Nov	98.85
Jan	100.40
	Volume: 22

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	275.0	278.5
May	unq	304.0
Jun	--	unq
		Volume: 125

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Mar 112.25-112.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 95	1980	1950	1980
Mar 95	2010	1930	1975
Apr 95	2010	1950	1990
Jul 95	1751	1740	1751
Vol: 154 lots		Open Interest: 3820	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2900.0-2901.0	2888.0-2889.0	Vol: 1457375
Lead ($/tonne)	572.50-573.50	590.00-590.50	182575
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1013.0-1014.0	1037.0-1037.5	595075
Tin ($/tonne)	5320.0-5330.0	5415.0-5420.0	40895
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1872.5-1873.0	1912.0-1913.0	1630100
Nickel ($/tonne)	8370.0-8380.0	8495.0-8505.0	92076

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 70561	Mar 95	3089.0	3094.0	3040.0	3044.5	18937
	Jun 95	3096.5	3096.5	3053.0	3054.0	1676
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 4031	Mar 95	3465.0	3465.0	3465.0	3439.0	250
	Jun 95	3485.0	3485.0	3485.0	3460.0	250
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 453292	Mar 95	93.07	93.08	93.02	93.06	17616
	Jun 95	92.33	92.37	92.25	92.31	35141
	Sep 95	91.88	91.93	91.78	91.86	13188
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 2437	Mar 95				93.66	0
	Jun 95				93.15	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 775242	Mar 95	94.85	94.88	94.85	94.87	25469
	Jun 95	94.51	94.54	94.49	94.52	47141
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 94025	Mar 95	101-29	102-01	101-14	101-21	64614
	Jun 95	101-28	101-28	101-23	101-25	162
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	109.08	109.19	109.08	109.19	781
	Jun 95	108.40	108.47	108.39	108.47	2815
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 222117	Mar 95	90.80	90.92	90.55	90.65	159835
	Jun 95	90.27	90.33	90.07	90.12	7017
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 24421	Mar 95	93.82	93.83	93.77	93.81	1991
	Jun 95	93.30	93.34	93.24	93.29	1507
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 44450	Mar 95	95.98	96.00	95.94	95.97	3403
	Jun 95	95.66	95.68	95.59	95.66	3499
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 56236	Mar 95	100.00	100.05	99.36	99.47	45384
	Jun 95	98.90	98.90	98.38	98.42	513

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 6¼ Week fixed: 6¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6½ ; 3 mth 6½ . Sell: 2 mth 6⅜ ; 3 mth 6⅜ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅝-6½	6½-6⅞	6⅞-6½	6⅞-6¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅞-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6⅞	7⅛-7⅜	7⅞-7⅛
Interbank:	6⅞-6⅝	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6¾	7⅛-6⅞	7⅞-7⅝

Overnight: open 6¼ , close 7¼.

Local Authority Deps:	6⅞	n/a	6⅞	7	7⅞
Sterling CDs:	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6¾	7⅛-6⅞	7⅞-7⅝
Dollar CDs:	6.06	n/a	6.14	6.43	6.97
Building Society CDs:	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6⅞	7⅛-7	7⅞-7½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624%.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅞-6⅝	5⅞-4⅞
Deutschemark:	5-4¾	5-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-4¼
French Franc:	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	6⅛-6	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3⅝	3⅞-3⅝	3⅞-3⅝	4⅛-4	4⅛-3¼
Yen:	2¼-2	2¼-2⅛	2⅞-2⅝	2⅞-2⅝	2⅛-1½

GOLD

Bullion: Open $376.00-376.40 Close: $376.80-377.30 High: $376.80-377.30
Low: $375.70-376.20 AM: $376.10 PM: $376.75

Krugerrand: $377.00-379.00 (£239.00-240.00)

Platinum: $413.10 (£262.70) **Silver:** $4.75 (£3.005) **Palladium:** $156.75 (£99.70)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6344-2.6446	2.6365-2.6398	⅛-¼pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Brussels	48.41-48.60	48.46-48.56	7-3pr	19-13pr
Copenhagen	9.2750-9.3070	9.2790-9.2940	⅛-⅛pr	2⅛-1⅛pr
Dublin	1.0026-1.0070	1.0043-1.0070	9-6pr	17-13pr
Frankfurt	2.3500-2.3596	2.3509-2.3540	⅛-⅛pr	1-⅞pr
Lisbon	242.95-244.14	243.32-243.96	41-48ds	169-184ds
Madrid	203.14-203.87	203.57-203.87	25-33ds	88-100ds
Milan	2513.10-2535.30	2532.00-2535.30	2-5ds	12-15ds
Montreal	2.2013-2.2274	2.2243-2.2274	0.15-0.23ds	0.38-0.51ds
New York	1.5672-1.5790	1.5780-1.5790	0.07-0.05pr	0.19-0.17pr
Oslo	10.3010-10.3400	10.3120-10.3270	1⅛-1pr	3⅞-2⅞pr
Paris	8.1690-8.1950	8.1740-8.1880	⅛-⅛pr	2-1⅛pr
Stockholm	11.5520-11.6100	11.5860-11.6100	⅛-1⅛pr	3-4⅛ds
Tokyo	153.26-153.98	153.66-153.96	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-1⅝pr
Vienna	16.54-16.61	16.55-16.58	2⅞-1⅞pr	7⅞-6pr
Zurich	1.9856-1.9942	1.9857-1.9886	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Dom.	500	21½	30	41	12	25½	27
(*504½)	550	4	10	20	46	56½	57½
Argyll	260	21½	26½	30½	5½	11	12½
(*273½)	280	11	15½	20	14	21	22½
ASDA	60	7½	10	10½	0	1	3
(*66½)	70	1½	4½	5½	4	5½	6½
Boots	460	27	37	42	6	16	18
(*476½)	500	6½	16½	22½	26½	38	39½
Br Airways	360	35½	45½	50½	3½	10	13½
(*388)	390	17½	26½	34½	13	22½	26½
BP	390	28	33½	40	5	10½	13½
(*412)	420	10½	17½	24½	18½	24	27½
Br Steel	140	15	19	21½	2	4½	5½
(*152)	160	3½	8	11	10½	13½	15
C & W	360	33	41	48	4½	11	15
(*385)	390	13½	23½	31½	15½	24	28½
CU	493	35½	—	—	9½	—	—
(*526)	543	8	—	—	37½	—	—
ICI	700	43½	54	63	13	21½	27½
(*736½)	750	14½	29	38	40	47½	53
Kingfishr.	420	20	29½	37½	13	25½	30
(*420)	460	5½	11	19	41	52½	56
Land Sec.	550	38½	44½	49½	4	15	18½
(*578½)	600	9½	16½	23	25½	43½	46
M & S	360	26½	33	37½	4	8½	11½
(*379½)	390	8½	16	22	19½	23½	26
Nat West	460	38½	47½	52½	8	13	19½
(*496)	500	13½	25½	31½	26½	31½	38½
Salnsbury	390	34½	41	46½	3	9½	12
(*418)	420	14	22	29½	12½	22	24½
Shell	700	29	42½	53	11½	18½	24
(*723½)	750	5½	17½	27½	43½	46½	51½
Smkl Bch.	460	38	47	55½	6	11½	16½
(*492)	500	14	24	33½	21½	28½	34½
Storehse	220	14	18½	22	3½	8½	9½
(*227)	240	5	8½	12½	14½	19	20
Trafalgar	60	10½	12½	14½	0½	1½	2½
(*69)	70	4½	6½	9	4	5	6
Unilever.	1150	47	68	90	24	35½	41½
(*1177½)	1200	19½	42½	63½	52½	62½	67½
Zeneca	850	57	74½	88	20	24	35½
(*893)	900	29	48	61½	45½	48½	59½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Grnd Met.	360	24	28½	34½	8	13½	15
(*370)	390	10	14	19½	23	28½	30½
Ladbroke	160	18½	23	25½	4	6	7½
(*176½)	180	7	12	15	12½	13½	17½
Utd Bisc	330	24½	30½	34½	12	16½	20
(*346)	360	9½	16½	20½	29½	33	36½

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
BAA	420	40½	48½	54½	0½	6	8
(*448)	450	22½	—	—	8	—	—
Thames W	460	27	38	42½	5½	18½	23
(*477½)	500	6½	18	22½	27	41½	45

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAT Ind	420	31½	36½	41½	14	22	25
(*441)	460	11	17½	23½	37½	44½	47½
BTR	300	18	27½	30	8	11½	15½
(*310½)	330	6	13½	17	28½	30	31
Br Aero	448	39½	—	—	13½	—	—
(*481)	487	16½	—	—	33	—	—
Br Telcm.	360	34	40½	43	4	9	11½
(*384½)	390	15	21½	25½	14½	22½	25
Cadbury	409	30	39½	—	8½	11½	—
(*425)	447	10½	19½	—	26½	30½	—
Guinness.	420	16½	25½	29½	17	20	23½
(*422½)	460	4	11	14½	47	48	50
GEC	280	16½	22	25	6	12	14
(*286)	300	7	12	15½	17	23½	25½
Hanson	240	8½	13	15	9	13½	15½
(*240½)	260	2½	6	8	23½	26½	28½
LASMO	140	16	20½	24	3	5	6½
(*152)	160	6	10	13½	12½	14½	16
Lucas	180	17	22½	26½	5½	8	12
(*190½)	200	7	13	16½	16	18½	22
Pilkingtn.	140	17	19½	22½	2	4	6
(*153½)	160	5½	8½	12	10	13½	15½
Prudential	300	14½	20½	24½	11½	15½	19
(*307)	330	4½	9	12½	33	35	37½
Redland	420	26½	33	36½	16½	23½	28½
(*435)	460	8	15½	20	44½	49	53
R-Royce	140	19½	23	26	2	4	6
(*156)	160	8	12½	15½	10	12½	15
Tesco	240	15	19	21½	7½	10	12½
(*247½)	260	5½	9½	12½	19½	21½	23½
Vodafone.	180	14	18½	23	7	10	12
(*189)	200	5	9½	14	18½	21	22½
Williams	330	14	21	24½	15	19	23½
(*331)	360	3½	9½	13	36½	39½	42

FT-SE INDEX (*3050½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Feb	100½	50½	7½	1	1	1
Mar	113	75	45½	24	11½	4½
Apr	130½	98½	70½	48½	31½	18½
May	151	121½	93	71	51	36
Jun	—	131½	—	82	—	47
Puts						
Feb	1	1	14	56	105½	155½
Mar	19	31½	51½	81½	120	165½
Apr	41	59	80	108	141	178½
May	53	73	94½	122½	153	189
Jun	—	80	—	120½	—	194

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat.	420	22	28½	35	7	15	20½
(*438)	460	3½	11	17	35	39	43
Amstrad	150	7	15	—	4½	10	—
(*153½)	175	0½	6	—	23	26	—
Barclays	600	22	35	48	15	26	35½
(*611)	650	3	15	26½	51	58½	65
Blue Circ.	260	16½	23	27½	2½	12	16
(*273)	280	5	13	18	11½	22½	27
Br Gas	300	12	19	25½	3½	11	15
(*309)	330	0½	5	12	21½	30	33
Dixons	200	12	20½	24½	3	7½	12
(*207½)	220	3	9½	15	14	18	23½
Forte	220	17	22	26	1	7	9½
(*234)	240	5½	11	16	9	17	19½
Hillsdwn.	160	15½	18½	20½	0½	4½	7½
(*174½)	180	2½	6½	10	7½	15½	18
Lonrho	140	15	20½	23	0½	3½	6
(*153½)	160	3	9½	12	8½	12	15
Sears	100	4	6½	8½	2	5½	6
(*101½)	110	0½	2½	4½	8½	12	12½
Thm Emi	1000	53½	84	95	4	18	32
(*1045½)	1050	19	52	63½	20½	37	54½
Tomkins	220	13½	22½	26	1	6½	11
(*230)	240	3	11½	15½	10½	15½	21
TSB	220	20½	29½	34	1	6½	10½
(*237½)	240	8	18	22½	8	15	19
Wellcome	1000	43½	49	61½	24	33	43½
(*1022½)	1050	19	25	40½	54	60½	70½

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Glaxo	600	53	72	81	7½	16	27½
(*639)	650	22½	42	52½	27	36½	50½
HSBC	650	38½	51½	65	26½	41½	48½
(*670)	700	14½	30	44	58½	71	77½
Reuter	420	31½	42½	51½	8	16	18
(*444)	460	10½	22½	31½	28½	36½	38

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Jul	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Jul
Royal Ins.	280	15½	22	27	13½	18½	23½
(*285½)	300	7½	13½	18½	25½	30	35

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Fisons	110	10	16	20	2½	7½	9½
(*117)	120	5	11½	15½	7	12½	14½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastern Gp	700	57½	71½	80½	18	32½	39½
(*730)	750	29	44½	55	40½	58	64½

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	460	14½	29½	33½	5	18½	23½
(*467)	500	1	11½	16	33	43½	48
Scot Pwr	300	31	40½	45	1	5	10
(*329)	330	9	21	26	8½	15½	22½

February 16, 1995 Tot: 52569 Call: 24283 Put: 28286 FT-SE Call: 11035 Put: 9186
*Underlying security price.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3410-1.3419
Austria	10.50-10.51
Belgium (Com)	30.72-30.75
Canada	1.4071-1.4076
Denmark	5.8926-5.8946
France	5.1870-5.1890
Germany	1.4940-1.4945
Hong Kong	7.7302-7.7307
Ireland	1.5660-1.5665
Italy	1604.00-1605.00
Japan	97.65-97.70
Malaysia	2.5520-2.5530
Netherlands	1.6742-1.6752
Norway	6.5499-6.5519
Portugal	154.40-154.60
Singapore	1.4522-1.4527
Spain	129.16-129.26
Sweden	7.3627-7.3702
Switzerland	1.2617-1.2622

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5756-1.5783
Australia dollar	2.1112-2.1139
Bahrain dinar	0.585-0.597
Brazil real*	1.3125-1.3166
Cyprus pound	0.725-0.735
Finland markka	7.2175-7.3335
Greece drachma	367.00-374.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.1712-12.1797
India rupee	48.70-49.66
Kuwait dinar KD	0.463-0.473
Malaysia ringgit	4.0191-4.0224
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4811-2.4854
Pakistan rupee	47.9 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8175-5.9435
Singapore dollar	2.2868-2.2890
S Africa rand (fin)	6.1590-6.1945
S Africa rand (com)	5.5777-5.5837
U A E dirham	5.6975-5.8215

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,300	Legal & Gn	603
ASDA Gp	6,400	Lloyds Bk	3,600
Abbey Natl	1,700	MEPC	470
Alld Dom	1,400	Marks Spr	4,800
Argyll Gp	4,700	NatWst Bk	4,300
Arjo Wiggn	7,000	Nat Power	6,500
AB Foods	286	Nth Wst W	635
BAA	2,200	P & O	2,100
BAT Inds	4,300	Pearson	750
BOC	839	PowerGen	2,400
BP	9,500	Prudential	4,200
BTR	4,200	RMC	576
BT	7,100	RTZ	3,000
Bk of Scot	1,400	Rank Org	2,600
Barclays	7,900	Reckitt Col	1,700
Bass	1,600	Redland	1,300
Blue Circle	1,400	Reed Intl	1,500
Boots	1,800	Rentokil	1,100
Bowater	1,500	Reuters	4,400
Brit Aero	3,100	Rolls Royce	1,700
Brit Airwys	2,900	Ryl Ins	3,200
Brit Gas	13,000	Ryl Bk Scot	2,500
Brit Steel	7,900	Sainsbury	3,300
Burmah Cast	423	Schroders	24
Cable Wire	3,800	Scot & New	810
Cadbury	4,600	Scot Power	1,700
Caradon	1,200	Sears	4,800
Carlton Cms	831	Svrn Trent	1,600
Cm Union	2,800	Shell Trans	2,700
Courtaulds	338	Siebe	699
De La Rue	755	SmKl Bch	8,000
Eastern Elec	602	Smith Nph	4,100
Enterpr Oil	924	Southern Elec	565
Forte	1,300	Std Chard	2,900
GKN	2,700	Sun Allnce	3,100
GRE	7,800	TI Gp	850
GUS	2,000	TSB	2,500
Gen Acc	388	Tesco	3,400
Gen Elec	3,400	Thames W	3,600
Glaxo	5,300	Thrn EMI	838
Granada	2,500	Tomkins	4,700
Grand Met	2,100	Unilever	916
Guinness	4,100	Utd Bisc	1,900
HSBC	5,500	Vodafone	7,600
Hanson	7,000	Warburg (SG)	577
ICI	4,000	Wellcome	2,800
Inchcape	1,600	Whitbread	1,300
Kingfisher	1,600	Wlms Hld	925
Ladbroke	4,000	Wolseley	923
Land Secs	1,500	Zeneca	4,700

WALL STREET

	Feb 16 midday	Feb 15 close
AMP Inc	74½	73½
AMR Corp	58½	59½
AT & T	50½	52½
Abbott Labs	34½	34½
Advanced Micro	30½	30½
Aetna Life	51½	51½
Ahmanson (HF)	17½	17½
Air Prod & Chem	47½	47½
Albertson's	30½	30½
Alcan Alumnm	25	25
Alco Standard	65½	66½
Allied Signal	38½	38½
Alum Co of Am	82½	81½
Amax Gold Inc	4½	4½
Amerada Hess	48½	48½
Amer Brands	37½	37½
Amer El Power	33½	33½
Amer Express	33	33½
Amer Genl Corp	31½	31½
Amer Home Pr	69½	69½
Amer Intl	103½	104½
Amer Stores	25½	25½
Ameritech	42½	42½
Amoco	58½	59½
Anheuser-Busch	54½	54½
Apple Computer	43½	42½
Archer Daniels	19½	19½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	47½	47½
Asarco	28½	28½
Ashland Oil	32½	32½
Atl Richfield	106½	107½
Auto Data Pro	61½	61½
Avery Dennison	38	38½
Avon Products	57½	57½
Baker Hughes	18½	18½
Baltim Gas & El	24½	24½
Banc One	28½	28½
BankAmerica	47½	47½
Bank of NY	32½	32½
Bankers Tr NY	62½	63½
Barnett Banks	43½	43½
Bausch & Lomb	33½	33
Baxter Intl	30½	30½
Bectn Dicknsn	51½	51½
Bell Atlantic	53½	53½
BellSouth	58½	59½
Black & Decker	25½	25½
Block (H&R)	36½	37
Boeing	46½	46½
Boise Cascade	30	29½
Borden Inc	12½	13½
Bristol Myrs Sq	60½	61½
Browning Ferris	31½	32
Brunswick	20½	20½
Burlington Nthn	54½	54½
CBS	61½	62½
CNA Financial	71½	72
CPC Intl	53½	54½
CSX	77½	76½
Campbell Soup	44½	44½
Can Pacific	14½	14½
Cpd Cities ABC	85½	85
Carolina Pwr	27½	28
Caterpillar	53	53½
Central & SW	24½	24½
Champion Intl	41½	42½
Chase Manhat	34½	34½
Chemical Bk	40	40½
Chevron Corp	46½	47
Chrysler	46½	46½
Chubb Corp	79½	78½
Cigna Corp	74½	74½
Chicorp	42½	42½
Clorox	59½	59½
Coastal Corp	29½	29½
Coca Cola	53½	52½
Colgate-Palmolive	62½	62½
Columbia Gas	25½	25½
Compaq Comp	37½	37½
Comp Ass Int	55½	55½
Conagra	32½	32½
Conrail	56½	56½
Cons Edison	27½	27½
Cons Nat Gas	36½	35½
Cooper Inds	39½	39½
Corning Inc	31½	32½
Crown Cork	42	42½
Dana Corp	23½	23½
Dayton Hudson	73½	72½
Deere	76	76½
Delta Air Lines	56½	57½
Deluxe Corp	26½	27½
Detroit Edison	29½	29½
Digital Equip	35½	35½
Dillard Dept St	27½	27½
Disney (Walt)	53½	53½
Dominion Res	37½	37½
Donelley (RR)	33½	33½
Dover Corp	60½	60½
Dow Chemical	64½	66½
Dow Jones	34½	35½
Dresser	20	20½
Duke Power	38½	39
Dun & Brdstreet	50½	50½
Du Pont	55½	55½
Eastman Kodak	50½	49½
Eaton Corp	47	47½
Emerson Elec	65½	66
Engelhard Corp	26½	27

	Feb 16 midday	Feb 15 close
Enron Corp	31½	32
Entergy	22½	22½
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	63½	63½
FMC Corp	58½	59
FPL Group	36½	36½
Federal Express	62½	62½
Fed Nat Mtge	76½	77
First Chicago	49½	49½
First Interstate	80½	80½
First Union Rlty	8	7½
Fleet Fnl Grp	33½	33½
Fluor Corp	48½	48½
Ford Motor	26½	26½
GTE Corp	33½	33½
Gannett	52½	52½
Gap Inc Del	34	34½
Gen Dynamics	44½	44½
Gen Electric	54	53½
Gen Mills	59½	60
Gen Motors	41½	41½
Gen Reinsurance	128½	130½
Gen Signal	36	36½
Genuine Parts	39½	39½
Georgia Pac	76½	78½
Gillette	76½	77½
Glaxo ADR	20½	20½
Goodrich (BF)	44½	44½
Goodyear Tire	36½	36½
Grace (WR)	43½	43½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	20½	20½
Great Wstn Fin	18	18
Halliburton	35½	35½
Harcourt General	34½	34½
Heinz (HJ)	39½	39½
Hercules	43½	43½
Hershey Foods	51½	51½
Hewlett Packard	114½	105½
Hilton Hotels	68½	69
Home Depot	48½	48½
Homestake Mng	15½	15½
Honeywell	35½	35½
Household Intl	40½	40½
Houston Inds	39½	39½
Humana	23½	23½
ITT Corp	97½	97½
Illinois Tool	43½	43½
Illinova	23½	23½
INCO	27	27½
Ingersoll Rand	31½	32½
Inland Steel	29½	29½
Intel Corp	80½	79½
IBM	75½	75½
Intl Flav & Fr	48½	48½
Intl Paper	77½	77½
James River Va	24½	25½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	56½	56½
Kellogg	54½	54½
Kerr-McGee	48½	48½
Kimberly-Clark	50½	50½
Kmart	14½	14½
Knight-Ridder	52	51½
Lilly (Eli)	64½	64½
Limited Inc	18½	18½
LIN Brdcstng	131	140½
Lincoln Nat	39½	39½
Litton	37½	37½
Liz Claiborne	16½	16½
Lockheed	76½	77½
Louisiana Pac	28½	28½
MCI Comm	19½	20½
Marriott Int	30½	30½
Marsh & McLnn	81½	81½
Masco Corp	25½	25½
May Dept St	36½	36½
Maytag Corp	16½	16½
McDonalds	33½	33½
McDonnell D	54½	54½
McGraw Hill	69½	69½
Mead Corp	53½	54½
Medtronic	56½	57½
Mellon Bk	37½	37½
Melville Corp	32½	32½
Merck Inc	40½	40½
Merrill Lynch	39½	40½
Minnesota Mine	53½	53½
Mobil Corp	86½	86½
Monsanto	76½	77½
Morgan (JP)	62½	63½
Motorola Inc	62½	61½
Natl Medical	15	15½
Natl Semi	17½	17½
Natl Service Ind	26½	26½
Navistar Int	16½	16½
NBD Bancorp	31½	31½
NY Times A	21½	21½
Newmont Mng	34½	34½
Niag Mohawk	14½	14½
Nike B	70	69½
NL Industries	12½	12½
Noram Energy	5½	5½
Nordstrom	44½	44½
Norfolk Sthrn	64½	64½
Nthn State Pwr	45½	45½
Norwest Corp	24½	24½
Nynex Corp	38½	38½
Occidental Pet	19½	19½
Ohio Edison	20½	21
Oracle Systems	46½	45½
Oryx Energy Co	11½	11½

	Feb 16 midday	Feb 15 close
Owens Corning	33½	34
PPG Industries	37½	37½
PNC Bank	25½	25½
Paccar Inc	43	43½
Pacificorp	18½	18½
Pac Enterprises	23½	23½
Pac Gas & Elec	25½	25½
Pac Telesis	30½	30½
Pall Corp	19½	19½
Panhandle East	21½	21½
Parker Hannifin	47½	48
Peco Energy	26½	26½
Penney (JC)	43	42½
Pennzoil	46½	46½
Pepsico	38½	38½
Pfizer	79½	80
Phelps Dodge	56½	56½
Philip Morris	61½	63
Phillips Pet	33	33
Pitney Bowes	34½	33½
Polaroid	30½	29½
PriceCostco	13½	13½
Procter & Gmbl	65½	65½
Providian	34½	34½
Pub Serv E & G	29½	29½
Quaker Oats	33½	34½
Ralston Purina	46½	46½
Raychem Corp	39½	38½
Raytheon	68½	68½
Reebok Intl	34½	34½
Reynolds Metals	52½	52½
Roadway Srvcs	51½	51½
Rockwell Intl	39	39
Rohm & Haas	59½	59½
Royal Dutch	114½	113½
Rubbermaid	32½	32½
Safeco Corp	54½	54½
St Paul's Cos	48½	48½
Salomon Inc	35½	35½
Santa Fe Pac	21	19½
Sara Lee Corp	25½	26
Seacorp	16½	16½
Schering Plough	76½	76½
Schlumberger	55½	55½
Scott Paper	77½	77
Seagram	30	30
Sears Roebuck	47½	46½
Shell Trans	68½	68½
Sherwin Wllms	33½	33½
Skyline Corp	18½	18
Snap-On-Tools	33½	33½
Southern Co	20½	20½
Sthwestern Bell	41½	42½
Sprint Corp	29½	30½
Stanley Works	40½	40½
Sun Company	29½	29½
Sun Microsys	34½	34
Suntrust	53½	53½
Supervalu	24½	24½
Sysco Corp	27½	27½
TRW Inc	63½	63½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	17½	17½
Tandy Corp	45½	46
Teledyne	23½	23½
Temple Inland	49½	49½
Tenneco	45½	45
Texaco	61½	61½
Texas Inst	79½	78½
Texas Utilities	32½	32½
Textron	53½	53½
Time Warner	38½	39
Times-Mirror A	18½	18½
Timken	33½	33½
Torchmark	41½	40½
Toys R Us	30½	30½
Transamerica	54½	54½
Travelers	38½	39½
Tribune	54½	54½
Tyco Labs	49½	49½
UST Inc	30½	30
UAL	96½	98
USX Marathon	15½	15½
Unicom	25½	25½
Unilever NV	119½	118½
Union Camp	51½	52
Union Carbide	28½	28½
Union Pacific	52½	51½
Unisys Corp	9½	9½
USAIR Group	5½	5½
USF&G Corp	14½	14½
US Life	37½	37½
US West	38½	39
United Tech	66½	65½
Unocal Corp	27½	27½
Upjohn	33½	33½
VF Corp	51	51½
WMX Tech	26½	26½
Wal-Mart Stores	23½	23½
Warner-Lambert	78	78½
Wells Fargo	156½	156
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhaeuser	40½	40½
Whirlpool	55½	53½
Whitman	17½	17½
Winn Dixie	55½	54½
Woolworth	19½	18½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44½	45½
Xerox	100½	100½
Yellow Corp	20½	20½

THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Back to school on Wall Street

OLDER brokers who left school decades ago can be thankful that a Stock Exchange examination pass lasts for as long as they stay in the profession. On Wall Street, the Securities and Exchange Commission has decided that brokers must have continuous education and take three-and-a-half hours of computerised training in rules and ethics at the end of their licence periods. Such intervals fall at two, five and ten years. There are 480,000 brokers on Wall Street, but old-timers with a clean record after a decade are exempt. In London, there are 1,400 firms and 40,000 individuals on the books of the Securities and Futures Authority, which tells me that an SFA exam pass remains valid as long as a "competent person" remains competent and employed. However, under another new SEC rule, securities firms start classes in 1996 for brokers and supervisors covering the investments in which the firm deals.

JAMES CAPEL and JO Hambro Magan have been appointed London advisers to Vancouver-listed Avocet Ventures, which is named after a wading bird with webbed feet, has a market capitalisation of C$120 million and is heavily into tungsten and gold mines. London and Toronto listings are planned by June.

Cheque point

NATWEST officials went to their vaults yesterday, bowed low before a glass case, and sang "happy birthday" to the second oldest known English cheque in existence. It was drawn on Clayton and Morris, "bankers, law scriveners and estate agenets of Cornhill", signed by Nicholas Vanacker, dated 16-2-1659, and payable to Mr Delboe. It was for £400, which today equates to £29,300.



"It used to be Saatchi & Saatchi"

Fags lit up

THE train standing at platform one is the 1996 freight train Mejillones, heading for the El Abra mine in the Andes. It will take The Antofagasta (Chili) and Bolivia Railway company, which first raised capital in London in 1888, back to its roots. Fags, as the group is known, has been awarded a 12-year contract to haul sulphuric acid up and copper cathodes down the tracks.

Just the ticket

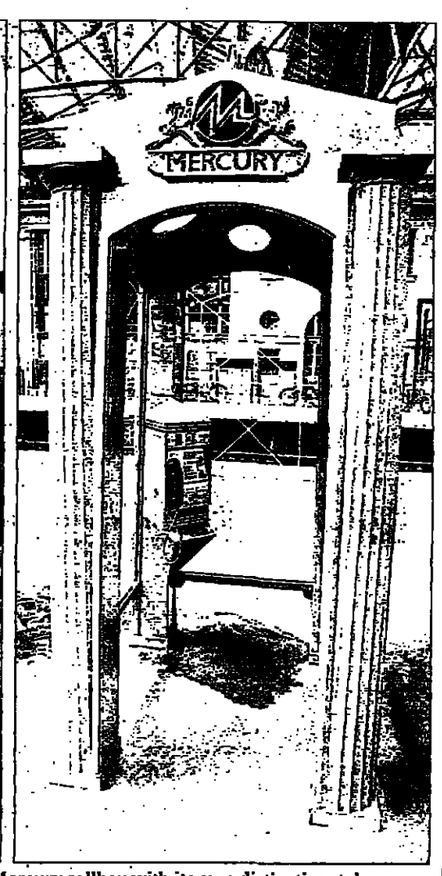
REGINALD TOMS (1892-1968), whose art collection comes under the hammer at Sotheby's in June, may never have been "the man on the Clapham omnibus". But he was the man who built London's first bus station (at Clapham). he did establish his own private bus companies, his architectural practice Toms and Partners did design the Park West 500-flat complex at Marble Arch, and his millions did come to the rescue of troubled Hawker Siddeley during the Second World War. The auction is expected to fetch £2 million.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Mercury carries message of survival by a niche role

Eric Reguly says Mercury is rapidly consigning its short history to the dustbin





Duncan Lewis, chief executive since November, and a Mercury callbox with its own distinctive style

Mercury should consider turning the Mercury Shop on the ground floor of its London headquarters into a museum. Many of the items on display belong to a different era even though they are brand new.

Inside the shop on Red Lion Square is a glass case containing Mercury phone cards. Across the floor is a Mercury call box, with its distinctive pagoda-style roof. Both items were made redundant in December, when the company outlined its retreat from the mass-consumer market.

The store's array of phones, equipped with the blue buttons that allow the user to bypass British Telecom's long-distance network, also seem out of place now that Mercury no longer is going after residential customers. The entire store is an anachronism.

The man who made it that way is Duncan James Lewis, 43, the former head of the North American operations of Cable and Wireless who became Mercury's chief executive in November. If he were to design a new Mercury Shop, it would be devoid of consumer products and filled with staff talking about notions such as "solutions" and "micro-marketing" with business customers. Mr Lewis's three months at Mercury have been hectic, to say the least. The week before he joined, he was invited to dinner by James Ross, the chief executive of C&W, Mercury's 80 per cent owner. Mr Ross asked him to replace Mike Harris, who had virtually built Mercury from scratch. "But it was on the understanding that Mercury clearly had not been able to develop its consumer presence, and was beginning to feel a squeeze," Mr Lewis said. "He gave me a month to come to a view of what had to be done."

On December 5, Mr Lewis's plan came in effect. Mercury would shed 2,500 of its 11,400 jobs by the end of 1995, sell or close several operating divisions, clear the streets of its 3,000 pay phones and take a £120 million charge to pay for it all. The underlying theme was that Mercury no longer would strive to be all things to all people, and no longer needed to build infrastructure. Its ambitious strategy of penetrating all segments had started off well, but had become increasingly difficult by the early 1990s. BT's price reductions, imposed by the Office of Telecommunications, coupled with the hefty fees Mercury had to pay to BT to connect calls with BT's network, were taking their toll. But Mercury could not blame BT and the regulatory regime for all its woes. Mercury simply had overstretched itself in its 10 years.

Mr Lewis said: "We had become overly complex. There were far too many people tripping over each other." Dozens of operating licences, meanwhile, were being issued to new competitors, including AT&T, the American phone company. If Mercury was getting pinched now, how could it cope in the free-for-all market a couple of years from now?

Mr Lewis's strategy has two broad components: Cost cutting and focusing attention on selected business markets, a concept he calls "micro marketing".

Reduced public visibility is an inevitable byproduct of the strategy. Mercury, in fact, may become better known as part of C&W's pan-European machine than the second-largest telecoms company in Britain. The idea is not far fetched. C&W and Veba, the German industrial group that bought a 10.5 per cent stake in C&W this month, and talked about sliding Mercury into their their telecoms joint venture on the Continent. The proposal was abandoned, partly because Mercury was busy revamping itself, but remains an option in the future. The first part of the strategy, cost-cutting, is ahead of schedule. Mercury had hoped to shed 1,200 jobs by the end of March; almost 1,800 are already gone, leaving only 700 to go. Forty per cent of the 1,800 departures were involuntary and almost half of the company's 1,000 managers are gone. Mr Lewis said it is apparent to him that a lot more can be taken out of Mercury's cost base but he does does not anticipate redundancies beyond the 2,500 already announced.

> His strategy is cost cutting and looking at selected business markets

The quick job-reduction pace has allowed Mercury to focus early on refining its long-term buiness plan. It has recruited Bain & Company, the management consultant, to map out the new "strategic marketing plans" of it main operating divisions. Mr Lewis said that Bain, whose assignment lasts only six weeks, is assisting the restructuring, not developing it.

Mercury's problems, although not exaggerated, are hardly life threatening because the company has a strong base of business clients and appears to be in no danger of actually losing money. Indeed, Paribas Capital Markets expects it to make operating profits of £200 million in the current financial year despite the retrenchment, and £220 million next year. Its 1994 operating profits were £235 million.

Mr Lewis said the company has 30 per cent of the total corporate market, with particularly strong penetration in the petroleum, pharmaceuticals, travel and government sectors, and 10 per cent of the small and medium-sized business market. While these figures are difficult to verify, and would no doubt be disputed by BT, the concenus among analysts is that almost all of the top 1,000 companies in Britain use Mercury for some services. The challenge is to squeeze more profits from them, keep them from being snatched by the competition and attract new business. This is where micro-marketing, a term that seems to have been plucked from a 1980s' MBA text, comes in.

It means offering sophisticated telecoms services for specific needs — becoming a niche player in other words. C&W and Mercury, for example, have formed a joint venture with Schlumberger, the French oil-services company, to serve the telecoms needs of oil explorers and producers. Devising a system to transmit data from a spinning drill bit to a laboratory thousands of miles away in the US is one possible service.

Mercury also could work with retailers to improve their inventory-control systems. For example, it could create a data network linking supermarkets with their food suppliers. The supplier could monitor the sale of its products at the check-out counter and automotically send out new supplies when inventory levels get low.

Peter Roe, an analyst with Paribas, said Mercury has to become more specialised as competition increases. In a recent report, he said: "It is incumbent upon Mercury to increase the value added that it offers to its customers. Much of the revenue base will be generated from fee income such as network management and the rental of high-quality communications capacity."

Will it work? Mr Lewis admits that the competition "will give us a run for the money" but thinks that BT and AT&T, Mercury's main competitors, are not nimble enough to knock it out of the ring.

Lloyd's names need offer they cannot refuse

Lime Street's impeccable image is under heavy fire, says **Alfred Doll-Steinberg**

The tide has turned. Lloyd's of London no longer has the support it could rely on. By the beginning of this year it was clear that the tide of unfavourable publicity generated by aggrieved Lloyd's names was influencing the opinions of three groups crucial to Lloyd's welfare: the judiciary, the providers of corporate capital and most importantly, Lloyd's policyholders.

Previously, legal skirmishes had ended in decisive victory for Lloyd's. Early in 1992 for example, before the ripples from the struggle between Lloyd's and its names had caught the attention of a wider public, the courts ruled that the Council of Lloyd's owed no duty of care to its names — a decision incomprehensible to most of them. Also that year names from the Gooda Walker Action Group were refused a judicial review of Lloyd's. The application was rejected on technical grounds, but the judges made quite clear their disapproval of such an ungentlemanly attempt to avoid paying debts to an institution as unimpeachable as Lloyd's.

But 1994 saw a series of important court decisions favourable to litigating names. The Gooda Walker judgment in the High Court in October attracted the most media coverage. But even greater damage to Lloyd's image was done by the Court of Appeal's decision in November to refer to the European Court a case between Lloyd's and John Clementson, who refuses to pay his losses. If Mr Clementson wins this case, Lloyd's will be unable to enforce demands that names pay their losses. And until the case has been decided, it is hindered from collecting the debts.

The Clementson decision was followed by the news on December 12 that an American company had withdrawn from investing £50 million in Lloyd's, and on January 7 that Lloyd's three-year run of improving business conditions had ended. The end of the run was not just symptomatic of an industry-wide downturn, as was made clear by the news on January 8 that Exxon had switched most of its 1995 insurance renewals away from Lloyd's. This was said to be one of the biggest rejections for Lloyd's in recent memory, but it was only the tip of the iceberg.

Lloyd's reaction to the Gooda Walker result was to announce that it would change its rules so that Lloyd's could have first call on the money due to the litigating names. But after the Clementson decision Lloyd's mood changed. The plan to amend the rules was dropped "for the time being, to facilitate a new attempt to settle all disputes with the names". A year earlier, when Lloyd's made its £900 million settlement offer, which was rejected by the names, it had stated bluntly that "there are no circumstances in which the offer will be increased". Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, has embarked on negotiations with the chairmen of each of the Lloyd's action groups.

There are currently 43 action groups, up from about 35 before the plan for the new offer was announced: names are acutely conscious that previously non-litigating names were offered less than litigating ones.

> Disputes are proliferating and none is near a conclusion

The result is now evident. The disputes are proliferating and none is near a conclusion. The award in the Gooda Walker case is estimated by the action group at 80 per cent of the names' losses, but the agents have no means to pay, except for their errors and omissions insurance, and their insurers claim that their cover is inadequate.

Meanwhile, new action groups are rising hydra-like, the salary-earning committee members are in no hurry to settle, and Lloyd's itself, having been proved to be the only possible source of the funds necessary to achieve a settlement, has been drawn in anyway — but at the maximum cost to its image and to its future ability to generate those funds.

The next Lloyd's offer really ought to be the last: the consequences of failure to agree could prove too costly for both sides.

☐ *The author is the former chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group*

BUSINESS LETTERS

What happens to non-exec fees paid to full-time directors?

From Sir Alan Smith

Sir, I would comment on the pay of non-executive directors as highlighted by your Industrial Editor, Philip Basset, in Business News, February 15.

A highly competent non-executive director fully justifies a salary of approximately £1,000 per day. Regrettably a number of them are of mediocre ability and consequently overpaid. However, you miss the most important aspect of this subject and one which I have never seen referred to in any discussions of directors' pay and perks.

Your article states that 56 per cent of the 311 non-executive directors interviewed were full-time executive directors of their respective companies. Where this is so — what happens to the fees they collect as non-executive directors of other companies? I sincerely hope that they are paid into their employing company and not into their personal pockets.

Information on this particular subject might be illuminating.

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RPI ignores low income households and may understate inflation

From Mr Chris Pond

Sir, Janet Bush is quite correct to raise questions about the validity of the official Retail Prices Index (RPI) as a measure of inflation ("Getting the lowdown on inflation," January 19), but the reasons for her concern may be misplaced.

Her main worry is that the RPI overstates the true rate of inflation. In fact, the opposite may well be the case.

Ms Bush points out that the RPI expenditure weighting excludes the richest 4 per cent of households. It also excludes the poorest pensioners. And because the weightings are calculated on the basis of total expenditure, the spending pattern of high income households is disproportionately represented.

In fact, the RPI represents most accurately changes in the cost of living of households about three-quarters of the way up the income scale. It assumes that families spend as much on motoring as on food, more on leisure goods than on fuel and light. This is certainly not the typical spending pattern of the poor.

As a result, the RPI tends to under-represent the impact of price increases affecting essential items which are of more importance in determining changes in the cost of living of low income households.

That is why the Low Pay Unit publishes each month a separate price index for low income households (the LPPI), calculated on exactly the same basis as the RPI but with more appropriate weightings.

The December LPPI figures show an inflation rate of 3 per cent, slightly above the RPI. Excluding mortgages widens the gap: 2.8 per cent on the LPPI against the 2.5 per cent RPI rate. Over long periods of time, such differences can be significant, which is why the use of the RPI in uprating wages, benefits and pensions is so dangerous.

It is time that we considered seriously whether the RPI can really perform its multiple functions as a general economic indicator and as a measure of changes in the cost of living of different groups in the population.

If the RPI moves too far from people's experience, public confidence in the official inflation figure could be severely damaged. People may start to believe that there are "lies, damned lies and the RPI".

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ICI pension assets are helping to calm the volatile stock market

From Mr Richard Jan Mostyn

Sir, The decision by ICI to place half its pension assets in index funds must be good news for investors worried about stock market volatility. Why? Because of course when everyone is invested in index funds, market movements will cease as there will be no one left to change the indices by buying and selling the underlying shares.

Perhaps we will then need a "Pools Panel" who will predict where shares might have moved and enable the index to change!

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The cause and effect of inflation

From Mr Jonathan Wilson

Sir, The Government has increased bank rates again, for the third time in a row, in the hope of avoiding the boom and bust cycles of the past. They will fail again and in failing will further damage the competitive capability of this country.

They fail to see that it is high interest rates that cause inflation (after a long lag) while corroding confidence. To the extent that floating interest debt is an established part of our economy, interest payments become a fixed cost, though not a fixed amount. This applies to corporations and individuals.

Our human response to increases in fixed cost is normally to seek increased revenue through price increases (with individuals through wage increases).

At the same time the best deterrent to anyone planning investment (in equipment or housing) is to ensure that they cannot forecast the cost.

We have seen repeatedly that the most competitive countries share low inflation and low fixed interest rates. They do not do this because they are competitive; they are competitive because they do this.

Our Bank and our Government seem unable to identify cause and effect. At the same time they shoot at the wrong targets. A small amount of inflation is not as such a catastrophe. Indeed some inflationary pressure is, like blood pressure, positively beneficial at the right level. Reducing blood pressure by bleeding or killing the patient is not helpful. Small amounts of inflation encourage the use of money because value is placed on things rather than cash and capital expenditure becomes cheaper in the long term as costs fall in real terms.

The Government claims to believe in a free market, but refuses to allow the market to operate freely. Instead they control it inappropriately with a single lever. Tragically it is the wrong one in the wrong hands.

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Compensation for Lord Cairns at Warburg

From Mr William A. Croft

Sir, Financial commentators seem to agree that the trouble at Warburg has come about because Lord Cairns wished to merge the company with Morgan Stanley.

As a direct result of that bad decision:

1. 1,000 jobs may go.
2. Warburg's shares continue their downward spiral.
3. Analysts have lowered their profit forecast by £35 million.

Correctly, Lord Cairns has shoulcered the blame and has resigned.

Sir David Scholey, Warburg's chairman, will not comment on Lord Cairns' likely compensation.

In a normal world, one might have thought that it would be the shareholders of Warburg's who were looking to Lord Cairns for compensation.

Yours faithfully,
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Alastair Lyons denies N&P's bonuses are incentives

N&P awards 'mutual' loyalty bonuses

By Robert Miller

MORE than half of National & Provincial building society's three million customers are to be rewarded for their loyalty with special bonuses when they buy N&P products. These will include free mortgage valuations, higher interest rates for savers and special discounts on unit .trust investments.

N&P, Britain's eighth largest society, which yesterday reported an 11 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £134 million in the year ending December 31, denied suggestions its Mutual Interests programme was a marketing campaign based on incentives.

The society's results, however, show that N&P's savings and mortgage business shrank last year. Net mortgage advances fell to £8 million compared with £394 million in 1993 and £989 million in 1992. Net receipts for last year show an outflow of £5 million against an in-flow of £296 million previously.

Alastair Lyons, chief executive of N&P, said the mutual interests deal put across in a practical way the concept of mutuality and was not an attempt to drum-up new business. He added that he hoped other societies would follow N&P's lead.

N&P has broadly followed the present building societies legislation in deciding who is a qualifying member of the society. This allows first-named mortgage and savings customers with at least £100 in their account at December 31 1994 to qualify. Widows and widowers and joint account holders also qualify.

The 1.3 million or so N&P customers who do not qualify for bonuses and discounts include personal equity plan and pension investors and personal credit customers.

Mr Lyons said that N&P considered making a dividend payment, but said that this would be too expensive. He added: "It generally costs companies paying a dividend around one-third of their after-tax profits. On our figures this would mean paying our 1.7 million qualifying members £15 each. That is taking cash out of the society and putting nothing back into it."

Mr Lyons said that N&P was still negotiating a final pay-off with its former chief executive David O'Brien, who resigned abruptly in September. He was paid £325,000 a year and had a two-year contract.

Scottish Nuclear powers to record

Scottish Nuclear reached record production targets thanks to new efficiency and productivity gains. The record was clocked on Scotland's biggest "electricity meter" — the electronic display at SN's East Kilbride office, which is directly wired to the nuclear reactors at Torness and Hunterston to monitor the amount of power produced.

Latest figures show that Scottish Nuclear's four reactors produced 14.335 terawatt hours in the first ten months of the current financial year — one terawatt hour is enough electricity to keep 114,000 one-bar electric fires going all year. This exceeds the previous SN best in the 1992-93 financial year.

T&N venture

T&N, the automotive components company, is expanding its interests in India. T&N has set up Ferodo India, a friction products manufacturing facility with a total investment of about £4 million. It will have a majority interest in the new company, which is being set up with an Indian partner.

Ferodo India is expected to start production in the third quarter of 1995 and will supply non-asbestos friction products for cars, commercial vehicles and railways. The company will employ around 200 people.

Bryant cut

Bryant Group, the house-building company, is discontinuing its property operations. No further new property investment will be undertaken and the existing property assets will be disposed of in an orderly fashion, the company announced yesterday. The property division has 18 employees out of a total of 1,100 for the group which is based at Solihull, West Midlands.

In the half year to November 30 property made operating profits of £400,000 out of a group total of £22.1 million. Total investment in property operations at the end of the period, including associates, was £29 million. Bryant shares were unchanged at 111p.

PR closure

WMGO Group, whose activities span product launches to sponsorship, announced the closure of MMC Marketing and Communications, its loss-making specialist public relations consultancy. Costs associated with the closure meant results for the year to February 28 were now unlikely to exceed those for the previous year when it made pre-tax profits of £1.21 million, the company warned shareholders. To conserve working capital, there will be no final dividend. The company's shares fell 2p to 9½p.

Agreement reached to sink oil facility

By Eric Reguly

THE Government said yesterday that it had reached an agreement with Shell on the first disposal of a North Sea oil structure.

The arrangement, which will cost taxpayers millions of pounds, is expected to be broadly similar to hundreds of disposals over the next few years.

Shell said that its Brent Spar loading and storage facility, which was used in the Brent field from 1976 to 1991, would be towed into North Atlantic and sunk.

About 70 per cent of the cost of £12 million cost of the operation will be offset against royalties, petroleum revenue and corporate taxes.

Towing it ashore and dismantling it would have been more costly to Shell and the Exchequer.

In a speech at the Institute of Petroleum conference, Tim Eggar, the Minster of Industry and Energy, urged the industry to find the least costly way of of decommissioning North Sea equipment.

"The abandonment of offshore installations and pipelines represents a large and costly exercise both for the operator and the Exchequer and it is vitally important that we get our approach right," he said.

Mr Eggar added that about 60 per cent of the cost of eliminating the structures would fall on the taxpayer.

The Treasury, however, said that individual cases could vary greatly, depending on a complex range of factors, including the cost of the installation, its operating life, and the royalties paid.

The industry has encouraged tax relief for the disposal of equipment, arguing that investing in the North Sea would be impossibly expensive without it.

Export drive keeps UK car output pulling ahead

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITAIN'S car industry continued to increase output strongly in January despite weak sales in its home market.

Total production was 119,358, up 18.45 per cent on January 1994, according to provisional figures from the Central Statistical Office.

Although production for the home market fell by 18.8 per cent, output for export increased by 83.3 per cent to 67,379 vehicles. Manufacturers appear to be compensating for weak domestic sales and increased penetration by imports by stepping up their export drive.

The surge in exports is being helped by rising output from Japanese transplant factories, which use Britain as a base to assemble models for sale throughout Europe.

Meanwhile, output of commercial vehicles rose 7.15 per cent, year on year, to 17,670. Of those 7,953 were for export, an increase of 6.68 per cent.

The figures seem to suggest that output for export is accelerating. Car production for overseas markets was up 33.1 per cent during the latest three months, compared with the three months to October 31. Output of lorries and vans rose 10.3 per cent during the same period.

But Japanese transplants cannot take all the credit. Rover Group, now a subsidiary of BMW of Germany, comfortably retained its crown as Britain's biggest car exporter. Rover's output was up 10 per cent in January, year on year, at 41,973 vehicles. Led by strong overseas sales of the Discovery four-wheel drive model and the Rover 600 saloon, Rover now exports some 46 per cent of its production.

Roger King, of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said that "healthy demand" from overseas markets was benefiting the industry. During January, car sales in western Europe are estimated to have risen by 3.7 per cent, to 1.09 million, led by strong increases in demand in France and Italy. Within the total, however, sales in Britain, at 191,200, are believed to have fallen by some 3.7 per cent.

Part of the jump relates to the restoration of a night shift by Nissan. In January 1994, the company built 8,600 cars at its plant in Sunderland. This January, output had recovered to 17,500, almost all for export.

Norcros issues warning over losses and dividend

By Our City News Editor

NORCROS, the building materials group with interests in print and packaging, yesterday warned shareholders it would incur a loss for the year to the end of March. There will be no final dividend.

The company blamed pressure on margins caused by hefty increases in the price of raw materials, particularly in the building products division, which offset the benefit of a rise in sales in the third quarter.

With no significant improvement in trading conditions likely, the company is to undertake a major review of its corporate structure and is in discussion with a number of potential buyers for parts of the business.

Michael Doherty, chairman, said Norcros would also have to reduce the book value of its properties, currently worth £22.6 million, following recent changes in planning approval relating to the largest development at Braintree, Essex.

He said that subject to no further deterioration in market conditions profits would be not less than £10 million. However, reorganisation costs and property provisions would result in an overall loss for the year, compared with profits of £17.1 million in the previous 12 months. The shares fell 17p to 80p yesterday.

Mr Doherty said: "There is no sign of a worthwhile improvement in the level of activity or in selling prices in the UK building materials market, which is the group's principal market. Progressive steps have been taken during the last year to reduce the cost base to offset, partly, the effects of raw material cost increases." Reorganisation costs of £2.5 million had already been incurred this year, he said.

Norcros's ceramics division performed broadly in line with last year, while print and packaging maintained progress reflected in results for the first half, said Mr Doherty.

In November Norcros reported a rise in interim profits to £8.98 million from £7.36 million but maintained the interim dividend at 3.5p a share.



Bellwinch, the housebuilder based in Middlesex, is restoring the interim dividend at 0.2p a share after pre-tax profits for the six months to December 31 rose to £636,000 from £274,000 last time. George Webb, the managing director, left, and Ray Davies, the chief executive, reported a rise in average selling prices to £93,000 from £82,000

Healthcare interim improves

By Martin Barrow, City News Editor

SHARES in Westminster Healthcare, the private healthcare operator, fell 38p to 293p in spite of a 21 per cent rise in half-year profits and an optimistic statement on current trading and prospects.

In the six months to November 30 pre-tax profits rose to £6.3 million from £5.2 million and the company met its flotation target of operating 1,400 beds four months ahead of schedule.

The interim dividend is increased to 2.1p a share from 1.75p, payable on April 6 from earnings of 10.2p a share, up from 8.6p.

Pat Carter, chief executive, said the company would maintain the same rate of expansion, with sites already identified to form the basis of a core development programme in 1996 and 1997. "Our innovative approach to the UK health care market will enable us to take advantage of the good growth prospects in the sector and remain one step ahead of the competition," he said.

Mr Carter said occupancy rates remained steady at 92 per cent, although in some areas, where local authorities experienced funding problems, referrals have slowed. However, this was offset by better rates in other areas, he said.

The total number of homes now in operation is 65 and a further 11 homes are under construction. Net debt at the end of November was £44 million, representing gearing of 46 per cent.

Wyko in rights issue to fund expansion

By Our City News Editor

WYKO GROUP, the industrial distribution and precision engineering group, has announced a £7.85 million rights issue to raise funds for expansion.

The company is acquiring Holdnotch, a distributor of bearings and power transmission products, for £4.6 million, using the rest of the cash from the rights issue to strengthen the balance sheet.

Holdnotch, which trades under the Olympic-Chevin banner, earned profits of £888,000 before tax last year on turnover £17.2 million. The company was the subject of a management buyout from LEP Group in April 1993. Audited assets at December 31 were £2.2 million.

Wyko shareholders are being offered one new share for every two held at 52p each, against yesterday's price of 65p, up 1p. Philip White, the chairman, and Roger Edwards, a director, have renounced their entitlement to new shares under the rights issue. As a result, their aggregate shareholding will fall to 22.9 per cent, from 35.1 per cent.

Last month, the company announced interim profits of £737,000 before tax, including an exceptional credit of £169,000, compared with taxable losses of £333,000 in the first half of the previous year.



White: holding will fall

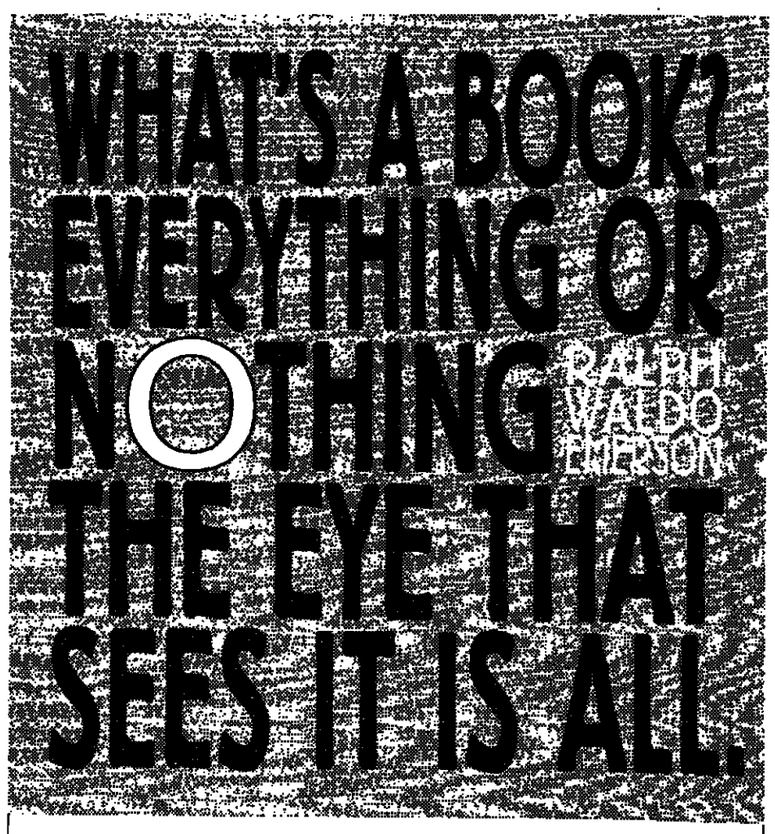
Logica's Oslo bourse deal approved

LOGICA, the quoted British company that is an international leader in computer consultancy, systems integration and software, has had the agreement for its £4.5 million trading system with the Oslo bourse upheld after an independent review by Ernst & Young (Colin Narbrough writes).

The review was called in December after Erik Jarve, the long-standing former director of the Oslo bourse, had been found dead after his surprise dismissal, which had been linked to alleged financial irregularities over the Logica contract.

The bourse council said in a statement yesterday that it backed its board's recommendation to implement the deal.

Logica said that the review had been concluded "satisfactorily" and that the company and its Norwegian legal advisers believed that it had "behaved ethically throughout the contract negotiations and the project itself".



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Comdty & Energy	96.54	102.70	-0.80	
Euro Capital Inc	131.50	140.60	-0.40	.69
(Accum Units)	140.50	150.20	-0.30	.69
General	219.00	233.00†	-1.20	2.33
Japan	112.30	120.10	-1.30	
Mastertrust	133.90	143.20		1.74
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Extra Income #	46.88	49.31	-0.16	6.11
Far East Emg Ecn	108.50	114.80	+0.30	0.54
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UK Growth	42.30	44.84	-0.13	2.61
Aber/World Port #	69.17	70.26	-0.17	2.33
Ethical	60.06	63.04	-0.08	2.79
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	49.06	49.06	-0.05	7.65
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
British Growth	66.56	70.81†	+0.12	3.00
British Income	77.11	82.03†	+0.20	3.79
Select Portfolio	82.01	87.24†	-0.10	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	71.34	75.69	-0.14	2.58
Income Builder Inc	65.05	69.20	-0.33	3.01
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 388 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	218.20	233.20	-1.30	3.34
Capital	381.20	407.50	-2.30	2.03
Balanced	638.10	682.10†	-3.40	2.92
Accumulator	£11.84	£12.65	-0.00	3.21
Income Trusts				
American Income	46.65	49.86†	-0.24	3.57
High Income	371.60	397.20	-1.90	3.89
Equity Income	209.30	223.70†	-1.10	3.72
High Yield	224.60	240.00	-1.00	3.62
Govt Securities	32.53	34.35†	+0.05	6.17
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	141.40	151.10	-1.30	0.46
European Growth	33.36	35.56	-0.18	0.01
International	149.40	159.70†	-1.20	0.21
Japan	186.00	198.10†	-1.90	0.01
Pacific	357.00	381.60	-1.30	0.01
Secs of America	413.60	440.00†	-2.90	0.53
Wwide Asset Val	45.09	48.20	-0.40	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	488.50	522.20†	-2.70	2.44
Conv & Gilt	40.60	43.40†	-0.18	5.35
Smaller Cos	158.60	169.70†	-0.60	1.31
2nd Smaller Cos	151.30	161.70	-0.60	1.50
Recovery	127.90	136.70	-0.40	1.92
Met Min & Cdty	139.90	149.50	-1.50	0.80
Oseas Earnings	327.10	349.60†	-1.50	1.93
Technology	156.10	166.80	-1.60	0.01
UK Special Sits	422.30	451.40	-1.70	1.92
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Carecta Dist Pens	95.54	99.26	+2.17	3.04
Foundtn Pers Pens	59.89	62.22	+1.44	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	67.20	71.49†	-0.08	1.96
International	61.07	64.97†	...	...
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	272.20	293.30	-1.80	..
Bond	109.10	114.80†	+0.20	7.25
Brit Smlr Cos	92.88	99.00†	+0.09	1.90
Comr & Gen #	61.87	65.82†	-0.25	5.67
Europe	215.40	229.20	+0.10	0.51
Euro Smlr Cos	97.05	103.40	-0.10	0.61
Income Gwth	333.10	354.50	+0.20	4.46
Japan	279.70	296.70	-3.40	
Latin American	59.55	63.35	-3.35	
Pacific	98.51	104.80	+0.20	0.77
UK Smlls Cos	49.64	53.02†	-0.04	1.44
Japan Fd	639.50	658.80†	-8.70	..
Mngd Fd	164.90	175.40	-0.60	3.21
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	271.20	285.50		1.29
Capital Gwth	105.90	111.50	...	2.41
Wwide Oppc	174.70	183.90		0.43
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	325.90	339.50	+1.0	3.06
European Bd Inc	87.43	90.55†	+0.14	7.89
Exempt	70.38	73.07	+0.04	4.39
Financial	69.96	74.82	+0.06	2.90
500	421.40	450.70	+0.30	2.82
General	260.20	278.30	-0.10	2.78
Property	247.30	264.50		6.29
Trustee	170.30	182.10	+0.10	2.56
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50†		5.61
Extra Income	112.80	120.60	-0.10	4.24
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.28	58.17	+0.27	8.87
Income	491.00	525.20†	-0.70	4.29
Income Builder	60.78	64.63	-0.10	4.88
Intl Income	58.18	62.96	-0.34	3.79
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	110.90	118.30†	+0.10	2.86
Leisure	114.90	122.90	+0.20	1.70
Recovery	388.00	414.90	-0.30	2.92
Small Cos Inc	41.88	44.89	+0.17	2.05
Special Sits	266.10	284.50	+0.60	1.70
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	123.40	130.90	-0.10	0.71
Aust Acc	225.50	241.00	+0.70	2.27
Aust Inc	139.40	148.30	+0.40	2.27
Euro Gwth Inc	146.40	155.20	-0.50	0.75
(Accum Units)	156.70	166.10	-0.50	0.75
Japan & Gen Inc	157.50	166.80	-2.0	..
(Accum Units)	159.30	168.70	-2.0	..
Japan Spec Sits	72.95	76.65	-0.87	..
Univ Tech Inc	75.38	80.11	-0.17	0.05
Worldwide	158.00	167.80†	-0.70	0.88
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	90.21	95.76	-0.41	
Amer Smlr Cos	129.60	139.10	-0.20	
Convertibles	53.38	57.08	-0.06	5.70
Eastern	250.80	270.80	+1.0	0.10
Equity Income	84.0	89.38†	-0.13	4.90
European Growth	289.60	307.0	-0.80	0.80
Europe	212.80	226.0		0.29
German Growth	74.59	79.13	-0.09	0.50
Global Bond	60.70	63.93†	+0.17	6.20
Global Growth	117.60	125.30	-0.50	
Japan Growth	186.90	199.30	-1.90	..
Japan Sunrise	157.70	168.10	-1.80	..
Korea Trust	71.54	79.15	-0.79	
Portfolio	122.10	130.80†	-1.30	1.80
(Accum Units)	224.60	240.60	-0.30	1.80
UK Growth	79.36	84.42	-0.12	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	80.70	86.40	+0.08	1.80
Select Managers	70.64	75.70	-0.05	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	71.52	76.08†		
Special Oppor Inc	51.11	54.37†		..
For Brewin Dolphin see GEM Dolphin				
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	100.14	105.97	+0.21	1.97
(Accum Units)	112.56	119.12	+0.24	1.97
Smaller Cos	95.54	101.10	+0.06	1.28
Higher Yield #	42.39	44.85†	+0.11	4.78
American Gth Inc	70.68	74.79†	-0.19	..
European Growth	133.91	141.71	+0.10	
(Accum Units)	136.55	144.50	+0.10	...
Global Bond Inc #	26.20	27.15	+0.09	7.68
Mngd Ptflo Inc	39.81	42.10	-0.07	1.72
(Accum Units)	40.37	42.70	-0.07	1.72
Intl Spec Opps	107.75	114.02	-0.56	
Pacific Gth	114.82	121.51	-0.71	
Formerly CAS				
UK General Inc	70.46	74.56	+0.08	3.73
(Accum Units) #	72.15	76.35	+0.08	3.73
Japan	55.26	58.48†	-0.64	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	92.79	94.69†	+0.44	7.49
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.86	65.70	+0.25	6.23
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Environ	147.40	156.90	-0.10	1.77
UK Growth	158.00	168.10†	+0.30	2.51
UK Income	127.30	135.50	+0.10	4.54
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	176.70	187.30†	-0.80	2.11
-do- Income Dist	105.70	112.10	-0.30	4.46
(Accum Units)	319.10	338.20	-1.10	4.46
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.45	40.76†	+0.11	6.67
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 236 5685 Enq 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 236 5302				
American & Gen	150.20	159.80	-0.30	..
Eurogrowth Inc	75.77	80.21	-0.42	0.60
Fin & Property	76.49	81.36	+0.05	2.08
Smaller Cos (4-11)	394.00	419.20†	-5.80	2.63
Growth	380.70	405.60†	-1.40	4.17
Income & Growth	543.20	577.90	-1.90	4.17
(Accum Units)	65.71	69.17	-0.45	
Japan & Gen	£96.59	£100.26†	-21.00	2.07
Master Portfolio	£115.23	£119.61	-25.00	2.07
(Accum Units)	90.08	95.83†	-1.09	3.81
Special Sits	£12.41	£12.80	-4.00	4.62
High Yield				
For Capital House see Newton				
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	78.74	83.99	-0.35	2.59
American Portfolio	88.83	94.66	-0.59	1.72
European Portfolio	94.74	100.93	-0.71	0.79
Japanese Portfolio	59.12	62.77†	-0.58	
Pacific Portfolio	129.69	139.46	+0.30	0.94
UK Inc & Growth	72.26	77.46	-0.38	3.40
Utility & Bond	54.18	54.78	-0.20	7.03

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	627.75	633.45		4.88
Fxd Int Sec	147.65	148.20		9.78
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0171 322 5000				
UK General Tst	59.85	63.67†	-0.18	3.12
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 0171 588 1815				
Inc	618.67	626.52		4.96
Accum	£26.31	£26.50		
Fixed Int Inc	120.20	120.42		9.83
Fixed Int Acc	187.68	187.95		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 837 7687				
Intl Growth	111.69	121.79		
UK Income	99.51	108.51		5.53
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	75.02	79.51		1.52
Beck Bio-Tech	26.92	28.89	-0.09	
Acorn Ethical Tst	145.98	153.58		0.73
City Fin Asset	65.66	68.85		1.30
City Fin America	85.27	89.76		
City Fin Intl	72.17	75.97		0.86
City Fin Japan	146.92	154.66†		
Friars Hse Cap	261.10	281.93†		1.75
Friars Hse Inc	186.26	198.15		4.17
Buckley Wrld Grth	116.13	123.54		0.09
Fairmount Cap Gth	129.47	137.73	-0.29	..
Fairmount Intl	142.01	151.07	-0.83	..
City Fin Pftlo Inc	51.55	54.84	-0.02	4.41
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	51.54	54.68	-0.11	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	56.23	60.14	+0.37	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	34.29	36.67	-0.17	0.46
Dragon Growth	63.67	68.10	+0.14	0.41
Equity High Inc	78.69	83.71	-0.27	4.18
(Accum Units)	105.81	112.56	-0.36	4.18
European Gwth	49.46	52.62	-0.31	0.91
Evergreen	27.25	29.14	-0.16	
General Equity	79.17	84.00	-0.25	2.77
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.89	25.11	-0.07	8.44
Japan Growth	46.61	49.85	-0.49	
Pedigree Gwth	47.56	50.60	-0.11	2.79
Ped Sm Cos Inc	28.71	30.54	-0.07	1.36
(Accum Units)	29.83	31.73	+0.07	1.36
Retirement Inc #	24.58	26.15	-0.08	6.22
Special Sits	35.88	38.17	+0.05	2.06
UK & Overseas	45.24	48.13	-0.27	1.48
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 898 000				
Capital	63.33	67.73†	-0.11	2.35
Income	57.12	61.09†	+0.04	4.32
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	149.71	159.27	-0.43	5.63
Fixed & Convertible	38.79	41.27†		7.45
Monthly Inc Plus	47.36	50.38	-0.07	8.89
Preference Share	46.14	49.09†	-0.01	7.52
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	119.20	126.81†	+2.41	7.35
Managed Fund	64.28	68.38	-0.20	3.08
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.29	38.61	-0.08	1.76
(Accum Units)	41.52	44.17	-0.10	1.76
UK & General	73.47	78.16	-0.36	2.84
(Accum Units)	91.86	97.83	-0.45	2.84
UK Growth	134.27	142.84	-0.52	2.39
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	185.33	197.16	-1.61	0.25
Far Eastern Grth	120.50	128.19	-0.11	
Global Bond	76.13	80.90	+0.04	6.26
Japan Growth	108.38	115.30	-0.65	
North Amer Grth	162.40	172.77	-0.61	..
Oriental Growth	71.90	76.49	+0.23	
Worldwide Growth	61.50	65.43	-0.35	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.91	92.91	+0.01	5.81
Homemaker Fund	73.47	78.16†	-0.10	1.93
Quilter Fund	118.82	126.40†	-0.41	2.55
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD 01438 744 840				
Growth Inc	54.45	57.92†	-0.14	3.20
(Accum Units)	58.95	62.71	-0.16	3.20
High Income	32.03	34.07	-0.06	4.80
Japan	32.54	34.61	-0.24	
Smaller Cos Inc	28.43	30.24		2.70
Smaller Cos	30.11	32.03	+0.01	2.70
North American	32.22	34.27	-0.01	0.70
European	36.21	38.52	-0.23	0.70
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5986				
Consistent UT	29.18	31.34†	-0.12	3.54
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	132.70	141.20	-1.20	2.13
Income	65.39	69.57†	-0.25	5.31
European	62.90	62.99	-0.24	1.10
Recovery	146.60	156.00	-0.60	1.94
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	773.60	786.00	...	3.90
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	69.06	73.46	-0.09	1.34
Income #	224.00	239.20	-0.40	4.88
(Accum Units) #	551.50	586.60	-1.10	4.89
Smaller Cos	148.30	157.70†	-0.40	0.63
(Accum Units)	181.30	192.80†	-0.50	0.63
Inv Portfolio	74.49	79.24	-0.09	1.51
High Inc Port #	64.86	69.00	-0.09	5.02
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.15	£15.52	-12.00	
Japan Small Cos	£11.62	£11.85	-26.50	
UK Small Cos	£16.83	£17.59†	+0.39	
US Small Cos	£15.81	£16.32	-5.60	
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	191.90	202.00		3.07
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	287.10	302.50	-1.30	0.99
New Asia	196.90	209.60	+0.50	0.16
Japan Growth	109.40	116.60	-0.90	
Jap Smlr Co	454.00	482.60	-3.30	
Nth Amer	259.40	274.80	-0.80	0.86
Sthd Asia Pac Mkt	111.10	117.30	+0.40	0.38
UK Inc & Grth	199.00	212.30	-0.40	3.13
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	131.90	140.30	-0.30	1.91
UK High Inc Inc	141.00	150.00	+0.20	4.80
(Accum Units)	180.50	192.00	+0.20	4.80
UK Pref & F I Inc	55.57	59.31	+0.37	5.29
Environmtl Opps	79.18	84.23	-0.09	1.11
UK Smlr Cos #	47.00	50.00		
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
American	119.80	127.20	-0.70	1.58
Convertibles #	19.60	20.83	-0.07	6.72
Equity Income #	118.30	125.70	-0.30	4.22
Eurofund	43.75	46.39	-0.28	0.43
Financial	41.27	43.85	-0.04	1.71
Growth & Inc #	219.10	232.80†	-0.30	3.31
High Dist #	144.80	153.90	-0.30	4.87
International	357.30	379.60	-0.80	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	88.15	94.10	-0.43	2.92
Latin American	25.91	27.53	-0.88	
Pacific	74.93	79.61	-0.11	
Preference Share	21.84	23.21†	+0.05	7.11
Tokyo	203.20	215.90	-1.70	
UK Smaller Cos	210.60	223.80		1.23
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
Elcos Trust	201.20	214.74	+5.28	1.01
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	188.30	200.30	+0.30	1.04
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	76.63	80.67	-0.51	1.71
Ethical Tst	40.96	43.12†	-0.40	1.44
Far Eastern	275.60	290.10	-1.63	2.12
High Income	124.06	130.59	-0.52	5.02
Intl Growth	110.83	116.66	-1.14	1.36
North American	106.71	112.33	-0.79	1.43
Pelican	109.54	115.30	-0.71	3.31
Smaller Cos	63.78	67.14	-0.08	2.93
Special Sits	82.51	86.85	-0.32	2.60
Tst of Inv Tsts	170.92	179.92†	-0.22	1.67
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	190.03	197.95	-0.98	1.48
Smaller Cos Acc	332.51	346.36	-1.72	1.48
Recovery	48.38	50.40	-0.10	1.41
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EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Balanced	107.38	114.23	-0.27	6.09
Capital Growth	76.17	81.68	-0.12	
Fd of Inv Tsts	41.74	44.52†	-0.08	0.65
High Income #	40.61	43.52†	-0.12	10.57
Warrant	49.16	53.44	-0.22	
Zero Preference	36.66	38.90	-0.03	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	73.62	78.31†	+0.020	2.64
Family Income Tst	45.56	48.56†	+0.050	6.31
Family Trust	79.20	84.25†	+0.190	1.52
United Charities	248.00	263.70	-0.30	3.95
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.80
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Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.38	26.48†	-0.16	7.76
Intl Bond	27.31	28.33†	+0.02	5.32
Income Funds				
High Income	23.57	24.80†	+0.02	5.23
Income Plus	104.30	110.90	-0.30	4.26
Amer Eq Inc	45.47	48.56†	+0.01	2.06
European Income	40.42	42.98†	-0.15	1.75
Far East Inc	58.73	62.45	-0.03	2.07
Global Convertible	21.56	22.99	-0.01	3.71
UK Div Grth	23.19	24.66	-0.03	1.87
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	59.17	63.12	+0.34	
American	234.20	248.10	-0.50	
Amer Spec Sits	111.60	119.10	+0.20	
Japan Smaller Cos	35.58	37.86†	-0.29	
European	163.90	173.70	-1.30	
European Opps	60.78	64.63	-0.24	..
Global Prw	23.69	25.21	-0.14	1.00
UK Growth	85.58	90.98	-0.17	
Growth & Inc	132.90	141.40	-0.20	2.40
Intl PEP	34.74	36.94	-0.09	
Japan Spec Sits	85.79	91.38†	-0.68	
Japan	172.90	184.20	-1.80	
Managed Intl	257.20	274.00	-1.00	
Moneybuilder	49.89	53.05	-0.15	
Recovery	44.89	47.73	-0.03	
South E Asia	137.60	146.80	-3.60	
Special Sits	484.10	514.80	-3.40	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	108.20	108.20	-0.01	5.90
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	128.50	131.30		1.62
Inc Ptflo #	81.02	82.55	-0.26	4.05
Cap Ptflo	132.40	134.70	-0.40	1.33
General Opps	115.60	117.50		3.57
Growth Inc	28.33	28.91	-0.04	1.86
Private Portfolio	382.10	390.40	..	1.35
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	109.20	115.40	-0.70	0.59
Emrg Asian	159.20	170.31	-0.30	
High Income	20.56	21.83†	-0.06	10.31
Oseas Income	96.51	102.58	-0.21	3.48
UK Growth	100.50	107.40†	-0.20	1.71
UK Income	99.75	105.40	-0.10	3.85
US Smaller Cos	292.20	312.50	-0.40	

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.14	47.47	-0.05	3.44
-do- Inv Tst Inc	71.62	75.31	-0.08	4.38
Intl Growth	64.37	67.69		1.32
Investment Trust	85.10	89.48	+0.19	..
UK Smaller Cos	74.35	78.18†	-0.02	1.02
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 374 4100				
American Growth	54.87	58.71	+0.09	
(Accum Units)	54.87	58.71	+0.09	...
Amer Smlr Cos	469.60	502.20	-0.30	
(Accum Units)	479.80	513.20	-0.10	
Capital Tst	286.50	306.80	-1.30	1.61
(Accum Units)	412.00	438.20	-1.90	1.61
Cont Smlr Cos	57.92	61.91	-0.01	0.50
(Accum Units)	60.90	65.12	-0.03	0.50
Convertible	118.90	127.50	-0.30	5.87
(Accum Units)	242.20	257.60	-0.60	5.87
Emerging Markets	64.30	68.69	-1.26	
(Accum Units)	64.35	68.74	-1.27	
European	114.20	121.00	-0.40	0.14
(Accum Units)	119.70	126.80	-0.40	0.14
Extra Income	311.60	331.40†	-0.90	4.06
(Accum Units)	468.30	498.00†	-1.10	4.06
Financial	118.10	126.60	-0.30	0.30
(Accum Units)	124.40	133.60	-0.30	0.30
Gilt Trust	60.80	62.70	+0.50	6.37
(Accum Units)	84.91	87.57	+0.70	6.37
Health Fund Inc	131.10	140.00	-0.50	..
(Accum Units)	131.10	140.00	-0.50	...
Income & Growth	178.70	190.10	-0.50	3.32
(Accum Units)	269.90	287.10	-0.70	3.32
Intl Growth	338.20	362.30	-1.20	
(Accum Units)	375.60	402.30	-1.30	
Japan & Gen	157.60	168.50†	-1.20	
(Accum Units)	159.20	170.20†	-1.20	
Monthly Inc	154.10	163.80†	-0.50	4.08
Managed Pen Inc	98.52	103.70	-0.30	1.48
(Accum Units)	104.40	109.90	-0.30	1.48
Quarterly Income	49.45	52.59†	+0.07	4.82
(Accum Units)	53.06	56.44†	+0.07	4.82
Recovery	321.10	343.30†	-0.90	0.13
(Accum Units)	378.00	404.10†	-1.00	0.13
UK Growth	50.89	54.36	-0.13	2.79
(Accum Units)	52.64	56.23	-0.13	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smlr Cos	110.70	118.30	-0.10	0.0
FP Asian Growth	243.80	261.40	-5.60	0.0
FP Equity Dist	360.50	383.50		2.80
-do- Accum	761.40	809.30	-0.20	2.80
FP Euro Gth Dist	140.60	149.50†	-0.40	0.68
-do- Accum	146.60	155.90†	-0.30	0.68
FP Fixed Int Dist	128.90	136.10	-0.70	7.45
-do- Accum	236.20	249.50	+1.20	7.45
FP Intl Gth Dist	86.95	92.50	-0.47	0.67
-do- Accum	91.04	96.85	-0.49	0.67
FP Nth Amer Dist	182.90	193.70†	-0.30	1.19
-do- Accum	201.50	213.40†	-0.40	1.19
FP Pac Basin Dist	288.30	306.70†	-1.30	0.22
-do- Accum	294.20	312.90†	-1.30	0.22
FP Income	50.77	54.15	-0.17	4.25
(Accum Units)	164.30	175.20	-0.50	4.25
FP Jap Smlr Cos	317.10	338.20	-3.10	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	67.98	72.23†	-0.05	6.14
FP Stlg Deposit	100.50	100.50†		6.25
FP Tokyo	79.11	84.34	-0.05	0.0
FP UK Focus	34.37	36.95	+0.09	2.10
FP UK Growth	160.50	171.20†	-0.40	2.81
(Accum Units)	310.80	331.50	-0.80	2.81
Stewardship Dist	308.80	329.50	+0.40	2.10
-do- Accum	377.60	401.70	+0.40	2.10
Stwdshp Inc Dist	67.16	71.44†	+0.02	3.83
-do- Accum	87.11	92.66†	+0.02	3.83
N Am Stshp Dist	93.53	99.50†	-0.50	0.81
-do- Accum	99.36	105.70†	-0.60	0.81
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	102.50	109.00	-0.40	0.92
Open Cap Gth Acc	104.30	110.90	-0.30	0.29
Cap Gth Inc Inc	98.89	105.20	-0.40	1.78
Cap Gth Inc Acc	101.40	107.80	-0.30	1.78
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	101.20	107.60	-0.50	1.82
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	103.90	110.50	-0.30	1.82
NM Unit Trusts				
American	44.73	47.58	+0.18	1.16
Australian	298.70	320.40	-2.30	0.0
European	196.30	208.80	-1.20	0.73
(Accum Units)	212.30	225.80	-1.30	0.73
Gilt & FI	54.49	57.63†	-0.27	6.55
Gold	42.57	45.77	-0.96	0.0
Intl	30.21	32.24	-0.13	0.50
(Accum Units)	43.81	46.75	-0.21	0.50
Smaller Cos	27.92	30.02	-0.02	1.29
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	222.10	234.90	+0.50	2.63
Cash	49.36	50.10†	+0.01	5.31
Growth Portfolio	73.57	77.99	-0.27	1.05
Income Portfolio	61.04	64.55†	-0.15	4.78
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	164.60	176.00	-1.10	1.60
Dividend	80.90	86.52†	-0.66	3.94
Inv Gilt & Inc	203.00	217.10†	-1.30	3.35
UK & Gen	41.60	44.49†	-0.25	2.50
Fund of Funds	59.92	64.05	-0.10	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	175.90	189.10	-1.60	
European	541.40	577.50	-1.50	0.47
Far East & Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.60	
Germany	115.30	122.10	-0.10	
Income Inc	145.80	153.20	-0.10	4.71
(Accum Units)	152.30	162.50	-0.10	4.71
International	295.90	320.80	-2.60	0.29
Intl Income	76.64	81.35	-0.19	4.15
Japan & General	365.50	[illegible]	-0.40	
Korean Securities	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Smlr Cos Div Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Capital Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Capital Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Spec Sits	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
US & General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Wwide Spec Sits	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Practical Inv Inc #	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units) #	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Funds				
Preference Share	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Inc & Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gold & Intl Res	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overseas Funds				
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.97	1.02
Euro Sel Opps	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Amer Emerging	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Hong Kong	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.25
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Pacific Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Long Term Bal	221.56	221.56†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Med Term Bal	189.73	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.67
UK Equity	229.34	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Emerging Cos	132.39	132.35	[illegible]	2.33
American	229.59	229.55	-0.90	1.52
Japan	113.65	113.65	-1.30	
European	253.84	253.54	[illegible]	1.09
Index Linked Gilt	164.52	164.52	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fixed Interest	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Emergng	249.44	[illegible]	-0.35	[illegible]
Pacific	217.91	217.91	-3.07	[illegible]
Emerging Mkts	119.50	[illegible]	-2.10	[illegible]
Index Strat Japan	141.42	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Pacific Rim	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.64	1.40
-do- Cont Europe	145.55	[illegible]	-0.52	[illegible]
Index Strat USA	151.30	[illegible]	-0.10	2.34
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	95.67	101.75	-0.32	
Med Term Bal	90.36	95.52	-0.65	
Long Term Bal	99.92	105.23	[illegible]	
UK Equity	106.06	112.85	-0.22	
UK Emerging Cos	62.05	66.02	-0.02	
American	106.50	113.32	-0.44	
Japan	54.55	58.06	-0.67	
European	105.77	112.52	-0.60	
Fixed Interest	77.37	82.21	-0.36	
Index Linked Gilt	73.10	[illegible]	-0.39	
Deposit	80.10	85.21	-0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Inv Gth	111.03	[illegible]	-0.50	
Berkeley Income #	106.09	112.60†		3.98
BWH Intl	131.27	138.18	-0.29	0.62
Brcifit Gth Port Inc	56.12	61.34	-0.14	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.16	57.18†	-0.10	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	50.72	53.53	-0.17	3.10
Shaw Utilities	58.35	61.58	-0.96	2.72
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	518.25	551.33†	-2.97	1.81
(Accum Units)	576.40	613.19	-3.30	1.81
European Inc	137.25	146.01†		1.01
Amalgam Inc	137.61	145.81		
N America Inc	320.52	341.39	-2.52	
Far East Inc	319.07	339.44		
(Accum Units)	330.46	351.55		
UK Dvld Inc	166.79	177.44†	-1.34	1.63
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	85.43	89.87	-0.22	4.71
UK Small Cos	45.78	48.96	-0.29	1.01
British Growth	51.16	54.02	-0.04	2.57
American Gwth	164.10	175.51†	-0.72	
Japan Gwth	69.77	74.62†	-0.80	
Greater China	175.26	190.58	-0.82	
Pacific Strategy	150.14	160.58†	-1.56	
European Gwth	84.34	90.19	-0.33	0.29
Intl Growth	139.12	148.79	-0.41	
US Index (£)	13.57	14.08	-0.05	4.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	71.36	75.52	-0.17	2.78
Monthly Income	36.15	38.53†	-0.05	3.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0032				
Gvt UK Index (£)	9.81	10.33	-0.06	4.43
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	82.78	88.06†	-0.02	1.74
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9868				
Cash	138.10	138.10		5.54
European	474.40	506.90	-1.60	0.15
Gilt & Fixed	125.60	132.60	-0.70	5.67
Growth Equity	309.10	330.20	+0.40	2.08
Income Trust	125.70	134.20	-0.20	3.06
International	171.30	183.00	-1.00	0.12
Japan Trust	117.70	125.70†	-1.90	
Nth American	256.00	273.40	-0.60	0.20
Pacific	512.40	548.50	-1.90	
Guardhill	460.50	491.90†	-2.00	2.04
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2128				
EMU Trust	100.27	104.07	-0.07	6.55
Global High Inc	97.93	101.54	-0.02	6.62
Prem Fixed Int	100.13	103.93	-0.76	8.37
Eqty & Bond Inc	98.55	104.78†	-0.30	5.13
European Growth	99.84	106.15	-0.27	
Intl PEP Tsrs	57.87	61.53	-0.10	..
High Income	115.66	122.97†	-0.35	4.24
-do- Accum	159.11	169.17	-0.49	4.24
Recovery	347.90	370.00	-0.60	1.68
(Accum Units)	399.40	424.79	-0.60	1.68
St Vinc High Inc	117.53	119.29†	-0.08	7.35
UK Emerg Cos	233.60	248.60		1.56
UK Smlr Cos	334.06	339.90†	-1.10	2.16
Glob Priv Tst	90.34	96.06	-0.01	1.51
(Accum Units)	91.19	96.96	-0.01	1.51
Inc Share Tst	86.97	92.47	-0.19	8.37
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	24.31	25.77		2.00
Growth Acc	24.31	25.77		2.00
Income	24.18	25.64	-0.03	3.50
Income Acc	24.18	25.64	-0.03	3.50
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing 01277 690 390				
Model Pftlo	189.20	209.70†	-0.50	2.71
Smaller Cos	30.78	32.74†	-0.09	0.96
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	273.37	297.85	-5.33	1.25
Best of British	60.72	64.57	-3.17	2.57
UK Smaller Cos	119.95	126.90†	-0.07	1.63
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	260.76	277.69	-0.29	3.71
(Accum Units)	709.94	756.47	-1.05	3.71

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Income #	300.47	320.13†	-0.86	4.20
Extra Income #	265.29	282.13	-0.62	5.92
Pref & Gilt	45.74	49.16†	-0.07	8.68
International				
International	252.04	269.19	-0.73	0.61
Global Bond	52.01	55.33	+0.11	6.55
Family of Funds	77.45	82.83†	-0.21	0.16
Global Tech	151.27	161.78	-0.20	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	163.48	174.82	+0.40	0.42
European	458.54	485.84	-0.97	0.35
European Income	78.47	83.07†	-0.20	2.73
Euro Smlr Cos	150.30	160.66	-0.06	0.05
Eur Sp Sits	68.66	73.04	-0.25	0.22
(Accum Units)	73.55	78.24	-0.27	0.22
Japan Trust	190.87	208.50†	-1.42	
Japan Special Sits	221.77	236.23	-1.44	
Pacific Smlr Cos	233.00	249.31	-0.12	
North American	234.41	249.17†	+0.37	0.52
American Smaller	104.94	112.18	-0.11	
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	55.58	58.82	-0.06	
Eur Sp Sits	57.86	61.33	-0.20	
General Growth	41.39	43.87	-0.10	...
Global Tech	59.19	62.74	-0.07	
Income Growth	40.20	42.61	-0.06	
Japan Growth	24.11	25.55	-0.16	
Smaller Cos	21.23	22.50		
Special Opps	28.26	29.95		..
Wwide Sp Sits	46.12	48.88	-0.14	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	92.59	98.89	-0.32	2.18
Capital	162.70	170.30†	-0.60	1.59
Dollar	339.10	356.80	-0.40	
Enterprise Gth	303.00	317.20	-0.40	1.95
European	216.30	236.40	-1.40	.57
Far East	300.60	314.70	+0.70	0.15
Financial	786.60	802.70	-0.80	1.58
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.74	26.73†	+0.11	7.62
High Yield	98.69	105.30	-0.30	4.32
Income & Growth	135.50	141.80	-0.30	3.57
International	239.70	250.90†	-0.70	
Japanese General	185.60	194.30	-1.60	
Japan Tech	73.92	77.40†	-1.00	
Ntl Resources	66.44	69.57	-0.36	
Portfolio	68.41	71.63	-0.173	1.42
Smaller Cos	119.20	124.80		1.60
Special Sits	144.38	151.00		1.53
UK Emerging Cos	88.53	92.62	-0.082	0.98
US Smaller Cos	83.02	86.93	-0.07	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Adviser: 0800 181 890 Inv 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	95.73	102.10†	-0.20	6.39
Capital	557.80	595.30	-2.70	2.52
Income #	526.70	562.10†	-5.20	5.27
Footsie Fund	50.38	51.11	-0.16	2.96
Trade Index	107.20	108.00†	-2.70	2.18
UK Index	130.30	139.10†	-0.40	3.22
International Funds				
American Growth	474.20	506.10	-3.50	0.63
American Index	196.90	209.90†	-0.20	1.21
European Growth	[illegible]	114.40	-0.30	0.33
Eurotrack 100	153.1	162.90†	-0.90	0.87
Global Bond	20.37	21.50†	-0.01	6.25
Japan Growth	[illegible]	167.70	-2.0	
Japan Index	74.58	79.59†	-0.46	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	32.75	34.95†	-0.25	
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	52.61	56.15	-0.33	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	88.77	94.74	-0.74	1.49
Spore & Mlysn Gth	70.63	75.38	+0.51	
Tiger Index	194.60	207.70	+0.50	1.40
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.74	29.83†	+0.03	1.10
General Funds				
Managed	67.90	70.48	-0.14	1.88
Rupert Child Fnd	79.88	83.01	-0.29	2.56
UK Growth	56.23	58.36	-0.22	2.47
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.07	50.07†		5.21
Cashbox (Acc)	59.04	59.04†	-0.01	5.21
UK Extra Inc	81.35	84.44†	-0.14	8.73
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.60	26.30	+0.08	7.78
UK Inc & Gwth	38.46	39.92	-0.10	4.03
UK Income	319.80	331.90	-0.80	3.82
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.53	49.23	+0.03	0.57
Amer Smlr Cos	112.50	116.70	-0.20	
(Accum Units)	113.70	118.08	-0.20	
Europe Gth	147.80	153.10	-0.10	
(Accum Units)	152.80	158.30	-0.10	
Euro Smaller Cos	27.67	28.72	-0.06	
French Growth	72.51	75.26†	-0.02	0.36
(Accum Units)	77.79	80.74†	-0.02	0.36
H Kong & China	72.94	75.71†	+0.76	1.97
Intl Growth	54.36	56.42	-0.22	0.70
(Accum Units)	54.81	56.89	-0.23	0.70
Japan Gth	30.12	31.26	-0.26	
(Accum Units)	30.12	31.26	-0.26	
Japan Smaller Cos	36.77	38.16	-0.29	
Glob Emg Mkts	87.85	91.18	-1.55	
(Accum Units)	88.47	91.83	-1.55	
SE Asia	297.80	309.10	+0.90	0.50
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	51.87	53.44†	-0.57	6.07

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Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
American Cos	131.20	139.50	-1.20	
Income	141.09	149.99†	-0.01	4.07
UK Growth	52.06	55.38†	-0.04	0.63
International	71.98	76.56†	-0.05	0.08
Ecology	76.44	81.32	-0.22	1.32
European	119.04	126.38	-0.20	
Far Eastern	260.60	298.50	-0.60	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	47.90	50.85	-0.18	7.57
Gilt Yield	112.40	118.60	+0.20	6.75
Global Income	200.40	213.20†	-3.11	4.24
High Yield	131.10	133.50†	-0.21	6.34
(Accum Units)	396.40	421.70†	-0.85	6.34
Smlr Cos Div	48.51	51.61†	-0.02	3.25
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	87.36	92.94†	-0.21	
North American	74.97	79.76	-0.40	0.16
European Special	105.50	112.20	-0.60	0.13
European	148.60	158.10	-0.70	0.38
(Accum Units)	195.10	207.60	-0.90	0.38
General	260.00	276.60†	-0.40	3.28
Japan	374.40	398.30	-3.10	
Japanese Special	216.00	229.80	-2.60	
Master Accum	224.30	238.60	-0.50	0.58
Pacific	305.50	325.00	-1.10	
(Accum Units)	358.30	381.20	-1.20	
Smaller Cos	102.70	109.30	+0.30	0.63
UK Equity Growth	37.52	39.91†	-0.06	1.63
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 0171 629 1583				
Global Inc & Gth	58.88	62.63	-0.14	
Inv Trust	62.59	66.58	-0.11	
Cautious Inc/Gth	56.42	60.02	-0.04	1.50
High Inc Acc	53.98	57.42	+0.09	3.90
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 588 2800				
Income	551.40	562.70†		6.03
Intl & General	387.70	395.60†		0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	251.64	267.70	-0.60	5.60
Inc & Growth Inc	53.31	56.71†	-0.18	4.78
Smaller Cos	53.42	56.83	-0.03	1.44
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq 01452 371 500 Dlg 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	233.00	247.80	-0.30	2.03
High Income	102.70	109.20†	-0.40	4.45
International	94.17	100.10	-0.40	0.56
Recovery Trust	60.30	64.14	-0.03	1.50
European Trust	79.90	85.00	-0.46	0.55
Japanese Trust	40.21	42.77†	-0.41	
American Trust	85.26	90.70	-0.15	0.52
Managed	64.39	68.49	-0.10	0.67
Cash	51.36	51.36		5.01
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 374 0616				
UK Cap	343.00	349.90†	-3.30	2.80
UK Inc/Gth	366.90	374.20†	-2.10	3.46
UK Income	258.70	262.80†	-1.40	4.44
UK Sm Cos	223.30	232.30†	-0.10	2.10
Euro Gwth	123.90	124.80	-0.70	
N Amer Gwth	80.61	81.57	-0.38	0.11
Japan Growth	60.04	60.68	-1.45	
Money Mkt	122.14	122.14		5.10
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	449.80	477.90	-1.80	2.74
(Accum Units)	882.80	939.10	-3.50	2.74
Equity Income	92.52	98.43†	-0.29	4.16
UK Tactical Allocn	53.56	56.87	-0.14	3.12
European	112.90	120.10†	-0.60	0.96
Far Eastern	207.30	220.50	-1.00	
Fixed Interest	50.27	53.48	-0.24	6.84
Gilt	86.59	91.82	+0.27	6.71
Global Growth	70.78	75.30	-0.70	0.11
Intl Bond	50.46	53.59†	+0.03	5.26
Japanese	66.20	70.42	-0.39	
North American	143.30	152.40†	-0.40	1.04
Pacific Growth	104.10	110.70	+0.10	0.19
UK Index	59.49	62.79	-0.21	3.22
UK Recovery	85.93	91.42	-0.23	1.84
UK Smaller Cos	114.60	121.90†	-0.10	1.55
US Index	59.35	62.64	-0.04	1.80
European Index	72.09	76.72†	-0.44	1.56
Japan Index	38.86	41.01	-0.23	
Worldwide	79.08	84.13	-0.29	1.43
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	47.68	50.99†	-0.35	2.09
Income	56.61	60.33†	-0.16	3.08
Far East	48.82	52.21	-0.29	
North American	90.85	97.17	-0.13	
Global	86.06	92.04	-0.40	0.18
European	84.26	90.12	-0.46	0.41
Japan	98.34	105.70	-0.99	
Intl Currency Bd	58.78	60.55	-0.05	4.97
SE Asia	97.79	104.60	-0.40	
UK Cap Growth	88.68	94.85	-0.12	1.47
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01534 834 339 Dealing 01634 834 313				
Balanced	326.50	347.40	-4.60	2.96
-do- Acc	742.70	790.20	-10.70	2.96

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cont Euro Gth	62.85	66.16	+0.11	0.83
-do- Acc	67.17	70.71	+0.14	0.83
Extra Inc	245.80	261.50	+3.40	4.15
-do- Acc	638.10	678.90	+8.90	4.15
FTSE 100 Inc	94.37	100.40	-0.30	2.86
FTSE 100 Acc	94.37	100.40	+0.30	2.86
German Gth	128.40	135.20	+0.90	0.01
-do- Acc	134.70	141.80	+1.00	0.01
Growth Port	521.10	554.40	+8.30	0.32
-do- Acc	529.70	563.60	-8.30	0.32
Hi Reserve Inc #	96.25	102.40	+0.40	6.21
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Income	468.70	498.70	+6.50	3.93
-do- Acc	£12.58	£13.39	+16.00	3.93
Income Port	493.90	525.50†	+0.50	4.05
-do- Acc	524.00	557.50	+0.50	4.05
Japan Growth	93.18	99.11	-1.19	
-do- Acc	93.49	99.46	-1.14	
Master Trust	55.51	59.06	+0.66	1.55
-do- Acc	61.97	65.93	+0.74	1.55
N American Gen	175.40	186.60	+0.30	0.84
-do- Acc	202.60	215.60	+0.30	0.84
NAm Sm Co Rec	135.20	143.90	+0.10	
-do- Acc	138.00	146.90	+0.10	..
Pacific Basin	236.30	251.30†	-0.60	0.76
-do- Acc	250.90	267.00	-0.40	0.76
Small Cos Rec	338.80	356.70	-0.40	2.11
-do- Acc	453.10	477.00	+0.50	2.11
UK Growth	80.26	85.39†	+0.16	2.65
-do- Acc	97.57	103.80	+0.10	2.65
Worldwide Gth	293.80	312.60	-1.00	0.50
-do- Acc	433.40	461.10	-1.40	0.50
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	63.30	67.91	+0.04	0.10
General	81.66	87.61	+0.07	2.60
Income	62.69	67.26	-0.06	5.50
International	59.94	64.30	-0.22	0.50
Japan	53.29	57.17	-0.54	
Trst of Inv Trusts	64.01	68.68	-0.11	1.40
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	380.00	401.90†	-0.50	0.76
(Accum Units)	473.50	500.80	-0.60	0.76
Amer Recovery	440.10	465.40	-1.50	0.57
(Accum Units)	505.00	534.00	-1.80	0.57
Amer Smlr Cos	129.80	137.30†	-0.10	
(Accum Units)	132.60	140.30	-0.10	
Australasian	145.90	153.30†	-0.80	2.25
(Accum Units)	177.40	187.60	-1.00	2.25
Capital	783.00	828.00†	-1.60	2.72
(Accum Units)	898.40	950.00	-1.60	2.72
Charifund	655.70	662.30†	+0.90	5.89
(Accum Units)	£30.60	£30.91	-3.80	5.89
Commodity	362.90	383.80†	-2.40	0.35
(Accum Units)	532.80	563.50	-3.40	0.35
Compound Grth	837.30	949.90	+1.00	3.05
(Accum Units)	940.50	994.60	-1.00	3.05
Dividend	37.90	40.10	+0.10	4.60
(Accum Units)	159.00	168.40	+0.30	4.60
Equity Income	325.10	343.80†	+0.90	5.12
(Accum Units)	422.30	446.60	-1.10	5.12
Euro & General	487.40	515.40	-0.30	1.10
(Accum Units)	616.50	651.90	-0.40	1.10
Euro Dividend	67.30	71.20†	-0.10	3.72
(Accum Units)	81.10	85.70	-0.20	3.72
Ecco Yield	399.50	422.50	+1.00	5.04
(Accum Units)	£12.39	£13.11	-2.90	5.04
Far Eastern	329.80	348.80	-0.70	0.94
(Accum Units)	436.90	462.20	-0.90	0.94
Fund of Inv Tsts	574.30	607.30	-1.00	2.18
(Accum Units)	£10.72	£11.34	+1.90	2.18
General	58.00	61.30		3.87
(Accum Units)	163.00	172.50	-0.20	3.87
Gilt Income	57.92	58.03†	-0.37	8.14
(Accum Units)	161.20	161.60	-1.03	8.14
Gold	58.00	61.30†	-0.60	1.23
(Accum Units)	68.50	72.40	-0.70	1.23
High Income	27.00	28.60		4.88
(Accum Units)	108.50	115.10	-0.10	4.88
Intl Growth	71.60	75.90†	-0.30	1.10
(Accum Units)	125.30	132.50	-0.50	1.10
International Inc	94.70	100.10		4.62
(Accum Units)	140.50	148.60		4.62
Japan & Gen	42.60	45.10	-0.40	
(Accum Units)	45.70	48.30	-0.50	
Japan Smlr Cos	151.50	160.30	-1.10	
(Accum Units)	152.70	161.50	-1.00	
Managed Income	26.40	27.70†		4.07
Midland	58.50	61.90		3.25
(Accum Units)	195.50	207.00		3.25
Pension Ex	890.00	912.30	+1.80	4.49
Recovery	39.10	41.30	-0.10	2.79
(Accum Units)	64.20	67.90	-0.10	2.79
Second General	66.70	70.50		3.58
(Accum Units)	173.20	183.10		3.58
Smaller Cos	64.90	68.60†		3.25
(Accum Units)	129.30	136.80		3.25
Sterling Hi Inf	23.95	24.04	+0.18	8.75
Treasury	25.07	25.11†		5.90
Trustee	39.70	42.00		4.80
(Accum Units)	159.60	169.40		4.60
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	78.73	83.75	-0.40	1.01
Intl Bond	61.17	64.31	-0.07	6.03
Intl Equity Growth	67.30	71.55	-0.10	0.74
N Amer Growth	94.09	100.09	-0.06	1.12
Special Sits Growth	20.43	21.73	-0.03	1.80
UK Growth	352.90	375.40	+0.70	2.95
(Accum Units)	460.30	489.60	+0.90	2.95
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.45	£12.69	..	3.20
Income #	937.60	952.50†		4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.40	139.60		4.37
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	189.60	202.80	-0.10	2.52
Gilt & Fxd Int	162.70	171.40	+0.50	7.05
Intl Growth	199.40	212.40	-1.00	0.30
North American	179.10	191.30	-0.80	0.82
Far East	256.50	273.30	+0.50	1.01
UK Smaller Cos	164.70	176.20	+0.10	1.79
European	80.06	85.10	-0.16	0.13
Japanese Growth	44.33	47.23	-0.42	
High Income	182.00	194.60	-0.20	4.35
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflo	143.80	151.40†	-0.26	2.30
-do- Accum	165.50	174.20†	-0.26	2.30
UK Sel Ptflo	123.60	130.10	-0.23	2.55
-do- Accum	143.70	151.20	-0.23	2.56
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	63.83	67.91	-0.94	4.03
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	68.04	72.23	-0.07	4.51
European	79.06	83.93†	-0.05	0.40
Income #	69.89	73.98†	-0.57	5.19
Nth American	61.31	65.08	-0.14	0.57
Far East	155.10	164.60	-0.90	
Japan	49.72	52.78	-0.85	
Emrging Mkts	88.70	94.87†	-0.94	
Intl Growth	101.40	107.60	-0.60	0.73
UK Growth	85.84	91.13	-0.05	1.16
UK Smlr Co	43.91	46.61	+0.02	1.01
Asian Opps Fd	35.46	37.93	+0.09	0.36
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	401.02	426.62	-2.01	4.19
Global Inc	67.34	71.64	-0.08	2.89
Brit Leaders	336.39	357.86	-2.11	2.50
Intl Leaders	197.47	210.07	-0.40	0.78
PAM Mg Bal Grth	50.08	52.42	-0.15	0.87
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	195.20	207.20	-0.20	
(Accum Units)	208.60	221.40	-0.20	
American Opps	88.86	94.81	-0.29	
(Accum Units)	90.00	96.00	-0.30	
British Blue Chip	75.12	79.81		3.03
(Accum Units)	92.62	98.40	+0.010	3.03
Cash	100.40	100.40	...	6.21
(Accum Units)	137.90	137.90		6.21
Emerging Mkts	94.64	101.80	-2.20	0.14
(Accum Units)	94.73	101.90	-2.20	0.14
European Growth	241.50	255.70	-0.400	0.18
(Accum Units)	260.40	275.70	+0.400	0.18
European Income	81.29	85.90	-0.24	3.34
(Accum Units)	109.50	115.70	-0.30	3.34
General	475.90	507.00	-0.10	2.44
(Accum Units)	927.80	988.40	-0.20	2.44
Global Bond	120.50	126.60		5.46
(Accum Units)	145.20	152.50		5.46
Gold & General	190.60	205.20	-0.50	0.44
(Accum Units)	195.90	210.60	-0.50	0.44
Govt Securities	88.10	90.63	+0.370	6.25
(Accum Units)	171.50	176.80	+0.700	6.25
Income	141.70	150.60†		4.61
(Accum Units)	223.50	237.60†	..	4.61
Inc Portfolio #	91.96	97.60	-0.05	5.33
(Accum Units) #	93.00	98.72	-0.04	5.33
Intl Opps	435.80	464.10		0.35
(Accum Units)	582.00	619.80		0.35
Japan	160.40	170.10†	-2.10	..
(Accum Units)	164.70	174.60†	-2.20	
New Europe	169.70	181.00†	+0.400	0.77
(Accum Units)	175.20	186.90†	+0.400	0.77
Pacific	112.50	120.00	+0.500	0.85
(Accum Units)	120.40	128.40	+0.500	0.85
Recovery	274.70	293.00	-0.50	0.88
(Accum Units)	350.60	374.00	-0.60	0.88
UK Smaller Cos	53.17	56.71	+0.040	0.91
(Accum Units)	60.11	64.12	+0.050	0.91
Portfolio	76.14	80.86	+0.090	2.86
(Accum Units)	89.40	94.94	+0.100	2.86
Managed Grth	93.45	97.87	-0.06	1.94
Managed Inc	98.30	102.00	..	4.41
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	111.93	119.07	-0.11	0.90
Portfolio	63.22	67.25	+0.02	0.07
UK Income Inc	72.38	77.00	-0.03	4.87
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	57.82	60.54	-0.40	3.30
(Accum Units)	60.83	63.69	-0.43	3.30
British Tst	79.15	82.88†	-1.06	2.25
(Accum Units)	92.90	97.27†	-1.06	2.25
Extra High Inc	65.84	68.94	+0.09	6.81
(Accum Units)	127.40	133.40	+0.20	6.61

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FT-SE 100 Acc	51.50	53.92	-0.16	3.28
FT-SE 100 Dist	50.70	53.09	-0.16	3.28
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.86	55.00	+0.12	7.14
(Accum Units)	152.50	159.10	+0.40	7.14
High Yield	213.40	224.50	+0.10	5.78
(Accum Units)	537.10	562.40	+0.40	5.78
Income	270.00	282.70†	-1.0	3.73
(Accum Units)	595.50	623.50†	-2.10	3.73
Money Market UT	49.51	49.31†	-0.01	5.46
(Accum Units)	77.68	77.68†	-0.02	5.46
Monthly Income	91.46	95.30†	-0.84	6.21
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.62	103.00	-0.30	1.91
European Growth	102.40	108.60	+1.20	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	83.29	88.36	+0.21	6.28
Income	80.89	86.06	-0.24	2.97
Japan Growth	49.79	52.77	-0.36	
Managed	66.13	70.42	-0.26	2.50
Money Market	86.88	92.10	-0.03	4.36
North American	87.06	92.29	+0.78	0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	87.91	93.52	-0.31	1.99
European Growth	96.35	102.10	+1.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.43	84.26	+0.20	6.24
Income	79.47	84.54	-0.23	3.04
Japan Growth	49.89	52.87	-0.36	
Managed	63.33	67.37	-0.05	2.47
Money Market	80.33	85.15	+0.02	4.32
North American	79.35	84.11	+0.71	0.58
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	87.88	93.49	-0.31	1.98
European Growth	94.67	99.71	+1.06	
Gilt & Fixed Int	72.67	77.09	+0.18	6.40
Income	78.46	83.47	-0.23	3.06
Japan Growth	50.85	53.90	-0.37	
Managed	66.08	70.30	-0.06	2.47
Money Market	74.85	79.34	+0.02	4.39
North American	87.67	93.15	+0.80	0.45
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.05	12.82		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	337.40	358.40†	-0.20	
European Gth Inc	443.30	474.80†	-1.80	0.29
(Accum Units)	448.10	479.50†	-1.90	0.29
Intl Gwth	187.90	200.10	-0.50	
UK Equity Inc	174.30	186.40	-0.50	3.21
UK Ind Trckr Inc	150.50	161.00	+0.30	2.78
(Accum Units)	178.70	191.20	+0.40	2.78
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	197.80	209.80	-0.10	1.53
Japan Tracker	71.31	75.57	-0.60	
Asian Trader	194.40	209.80	+0.30	0.30
Managed Inc	149.70	158.40†	-0.10	1.47
Deposit Inc	99.86	99.86†	-0.01	5.42
Europa	173.50	186.00	-0.70	0.39
Genesis	149.10	163.20	-0.20	2.73
High Income	21.27	22.56†	-0.02	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	90.31	92.27	-0.07	2.42
Acumen Inc	85.48	87.33	+0.06	2.43
Acumen Reserve	81.94	85.66†	+0.48	8.75
-do- Inc	70.26	70.98†	+0.42	9.35
American Growth	147.50	152.30†	-1.10	
Cash Income	49.56	49.58†	-0.01	5.69
Equity Income #	90.51	92.54	+0.19	4.62
European	69.55	71.11	-0.11	0.14
Smaller Cos	74.44	77.74	+0.10	1.01
Olympiad	60.92	62.34†	-0.73	0.56
Global Bond	42.53	42.79†	-0.05	7.17
UK Growth	87.82	90.25	-0.22	1.78
Pacific Growth	100.40	104.50		
Japan Growth	88.62	90.04	-0.72	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	115.65	123.03†	-0.34	2.93
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	70.51	75.01	-0.06	2.27
UK Income	102.77	109.33	-0.32	4.04
Higher Income	202.18	215.09	-0.57	5.01
Smaller Cos	75.31	80.12	+0.09	2.30
International	91.69	97.54	-1.33	1.79
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	99.50	106.50	-0.33	0.13
European Dist	108.50	116.00	-0.40	
Far East Dist	168.20	179.90†	+0.20	
Global Care Dist	65.70	70.27	-0.15	1.17
Oseas Dist	961.60	£10.28	-4.90	0.08
(Accum Units)	£12.48	£13.34	-6.60	0.08
UK Dist	326.10	348.80	-0.90	2.82
(Accum Units)	639.70	684.20	-1.70	2.82
UK Extra Inc Dist	72.46	77.50†	-0.08	4.43
Wwide Dist	100.09	107.04	-0.19	0.13
Wwide Inc Dist	67.20	71.87	-0.10	2.62
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 388				
Europe Inc	62.46	65.92	-0.37	0.49
Fund of Funds Inc	55.25	58.31	-0.12	0.89
North America Inc	49.39	52.13	+0.06	0.50
UK Equity Grth Inc	55.80	58.88	-0.17	2.13
(Accum Units)	57.70	60.90	-0.18	2.13
UK General Inc	54.56	57.58	-0.20	2.61
UK Gilt/Fi Int Inc	45.64	48.06†	+0.21	7.30
UK Income Inc	54.12	57.12†	-0.17	3.15
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Bond	113.21	120.08	-0.26	6.34
Bridge Fund	82.08	87.32†		2.23
Distribution	87.92	93.54	-0.44	3.19
Foundation	88.01	94.12	+0.96	3.45
General	175.09	188.27†	-0.75	1.83
Global	305.45	324.95	-2.20	0.13
Growth	117.95	125.48	-0.54	2.43
Higher Income Inc	25.83	27.62	-0.20	4.53
Income	218.97	232.95†	-1.26	3.51
Intrepid	111.96	118.63		1.80
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	35.22	37.66	-0.01	
Cash Income	50.57	50.57	+0.01	5.50
European Gwth	38.67	41.20	-0.11	0.16
Intnl Gwth	37.94	39.88	-0.07	0.55
Japan Gwth	24.42	26.11	-0.20	
Managed Fxd Int Inc	45.66	48.83	-0.15	2.56
Oriental Opps Inc	134.20	143.50	+0.60	
Property Shares	32.51	34.77	-0.05	0.89
Smaller Cos	28.60	30.58	-0.04	1.80
UK Growth Tst	24.64	26.35	-0.09	3.02
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	67.90	72.62†	-1.35	1.75
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.15	68.60	-0.30	2.91
Exempt (f)	28.84	30.70		1.76
German	50.89	54.17	-0.13	
High Income	71.09	76.03	+0.31	6.43
Mngd Ptflio Inc	101.70	108.70	...	1.07
Mngd Ptflio Acc	194.40	207.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	75.13	80.35	-0.54	4.48
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	117.13	123.28	-0.06	2.04
UK Equity	129.49	136.30†	-2.02	3.27
UK Equity Income	124.76	131.33	-0.20	3.59
UK Smaller Cos	110.35	116.16†	-0.04	1.86
UK Equity Growth	122.81	129.27	-0.29	2.39
UK Index Trckg	134.04	141.10†	-0.42	3.66
Intl Index Trckg	138.50	145.79	-0.41	1.17
International	222.40	234.11	-0.81	0.41
European	190.39	200.41†	-0.70	0.21
Pan European	126.05	132.68	-0.60	1.38
Nth American	168.22	177.07	-0.39	0.22
N Amer Smlr Cos	180.73	190.24†	-1.25	
Japanese	87.72	92.34	-0.57	
Pacific	216.17	227.55	-0.12	0.13
South East Asian	240.85	253.54	+0.20	0.47
Intl Bond	127.90	134.63†	+0.20	4.81
Gilt & Convertible	100.89	106.11	+0.10	6.46
Property	82.14	86.46	+0.05	5.38
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	255.00	273.30	-0.80	
(Accum Units)	269.90	289.10	-1.00	..
Japan Inc	103.80	110.80	-0.60	
Nth American Inc	104.90	112.80	-0.60	0.01
Worldwide Inc	152.00	163.50	-0.30	0.44
Hong Kong Inc	125.90	135.30	-0.30	1.74
Swiss Equities Inc	66.09	70.70	-0.20	
Wwide Bond Inc	59.74	63.23	-0.02	5.45
Emging Asia Inc	208.40	229.90	+1.30	0.28
(Accum Units)	207.20	224.80	+1.40	0.28
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.10	50.10†	+0.01	5.69
Thailand Inc	165.30	177.80	+1.90	1.29
Gold Trust Inc	66.24	71.79	-0.39	0.11
New Zealand Inc	84.56	90.98	+0.23	1.72
Int Mngd PEP Inc	60.13	64.58	-0.76	1.23
Latin Am Emrg Inc	53.73	58.28†	-3.43	0.47
UK As Sh Man Inc	56.09	60.13	-0.15	2.50
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	73.98	79.04	-0.31	
Global Portfolio	66.06	70.65	-0.34	
Global Opps	64.21	68.67	-0.89	
Marsh Global Gth	80.71	84.38	-0.20	
AAM Global Equity	52.02	55.14		
CAM Brit Emrg Inc	85.25	91.64	-0.52	..
Temple Equity Inc	41.52	45.44†	-0.03	3.45
Hartley Growth	70.08	74.28	-0.32	0.38
Intl Growth Inc	82.35	88.07	-0.45	0.82
IPS Portfolio Inc	78.70	84.17†	-0.53	
St Jms Mkt Inc Inc	46.42	48.24	-0.08	
Premier Portfolio Inc	84.56	89.05†	-0.50	1.43
Roxburgh Stud Gth	68.68	73.43	-0.36	
Tech Analysis	93.67	99.29	-0.10	
Rosebery Growth	48.54	50.78	+0.10	0.05
International Star	74.21	79.37	+0.01	0.10
UFC Ind-Acc Grth	51.56	55.84	-0.14	
Coventale Topout	47.66	51.57	-0.03	
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40		
Lowes Intl Growth	44.45	46.79	-0.14	0.88
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	229.80	244.40	+0.60	2.75
(Accum Units)	485.00	515.90	+1.10	2.75
Growth	149.30	157.10	+0.39	2.80
Income	228.80	243.40	+0.20	3.88
Intl Equity	240.20	255.50	-0.80	1.18
(Accum Units)	265.50	282.40	-0.90	1.18
UK Income	62.85	66.85†	+0.11	3.48
UK Intl 25	76.12	80.98	+0.08	2.39
New Europe	77.20	82.13	-0.28	0.59
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	555.77	594.41	-3.99	0.18
(Accum Units)	556.35	595.03	-3.99	0.18
Income	335.68	359.02	-1.52	3.42
Wwide Recovery	352.55	377.06	-2.46	0.07
Amer Growth Inc	212.96	227.77†	-0.65	0.01
(Accum Units)	212.96	227.77	-0.65	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	227.95	243.80	-1.32	0.01
Far Estn Gth Inc	256.59	274.43	-1.73	0.25
(Accum Units)	256.59	274.43	-1.73	0.25
Euro Gwth Inc	138.08	147.68	-1.90	0.73
(Accum Units)	138.43	148.06	-1.90	0.73
UK Growth Inc	86.02	92.00	-0.38	2.86
(Accum Units)	88.11	94.24	-0.37	2.86
High Income	90.72	97.03†	-0.50	4.22
Jap Gwth Inc	204.28	217.75	-2.60	0.01
(Accum Units)	204.28	217.75	-2.60	0.01
PEP Growth	111.73	119.50	-0.68	0.87
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	118.57	126.82†	-0.46	0.81
(Accum Units)	118.57	126.82	-0.46	0.81
Amer Smlr Co Inc	124.39	133.04	-1.17	0.01
(Accum Units)	124.39	133.04	-1.17	0.01
Global Bond	53.85	56.74	-0.08	5.93
UK Smaller Cos Inc	75.21	80.44	-2.53	1.54
(Accum Units)	78.13	83.57	-2.63	1.54
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 201 3927				
American	96.04	102.17	-0.75	
European	70.03	74.50	+0.24	
Global	59.68	63.49	-0.16	
Pacific	55.36	58.59	-0.30	
UK Inc & Gth	62.08	66.04	+0.03	1.93
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0116 2550 540				
BRI Director Opps	86.28	91.89	-0.07	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	151.65	159.63†	-0.31	0.11
Emerg Mkts	44.85	47.21	-0.21	
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.43	60.87	-0.03	2.69
Growth Income	60.54	64.17	-0.11	2.35
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	123.89	131.80†	-0.71	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	88.69	94.36†	-0.54	3.83
Conv & Gilt	109.00	116.80	-1.60	6.30

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Income	72.15	76.75	-0.23	3.93
Extra Income	142.30	151.40	-0.10	3.91
(Accum Units)	172.60	183.70	-0.10	3.91
Far East	371.80	395.50	-0.80	0.08
(Accum Units)	378.30	403.00	-0.80	0.08
Global Income	24.31	25.86†	-0.11	4.60
High Income	108.60	115.50		3.69
(Accum Units)	128.90	137.10		3.69
International	188.40	200.40	-1.20	0.68
(Accum Units)	194.10	206.50	-1.30	0.68
Pref & Fxd Inc	43.09	45.84†	-0.10	7.90
Recovery	67.46	71.77	-1.44	2.86
Special Sits	101.00	107.40		1.14
(Accum Units)	109.30	116.30	-0.10	1.14
Technology	379.70	403.90	-0.30	
UK Blue Chip	65.01	69.16	-0.50	2.71
(Accum Units)	72.70	77.34	-0.06	2.71
For Providence Capitol see Old Mutual				
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	166.90	177.60	+0.40	1.87
European Gth	97.32	103.10	-0.40	0.38
Income & Gth #	127.70	135.90	+0.30	3.27
Japan Gth	111.40	118.30	-1.10	
Nth Amer Gth	119.20	126.80	+0.80	0.17
Overseas Gth	87.16	92.72	-0.04	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	36.67	38.98	+0.36	1.67
Cash Haven Inc	100.90	101.39†	-0.01	5.38
Cash Haven Acc	111.43	111.99†	-0.02	5.38
Dist Trust Inc	93.21	96.59†	-0.01	6.70
Dist Trust Acc	96.29	99.88†		6.20
Global Growth	85.00	90.42†	-0.20	1.36
Equity Inc	78.60	83.62†	-1.07	3.83
Equity	695.78	740.19	-3.36	2.42
European	209.07	216.65	-0.11	1.10
High Income	86.14	91.63	-0.23	4.96
Intl Gth	174.66	185.90†	-0.27	0.96
Intl Sm Co	73.78	78.48	-0.25	0.48
Japanese	201.71	209.02	-1.13	
Nth Amer	166.39	172.42	+0.40	1.77
Pacific Mkts	97.81	101.35†	-0.17	0.36
Premier Inc	46.29	48.17†	-0.28	4.95
Sm Cos	82.91	88.20	+0.02	1.55
Spec Sits	103.27	109.86†	-0.45	2.23
UK Growth	115.23	122.58†	-0.40	2.37
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	286.40	303.70	+0.10	3.31
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD 0191 285 2555				
Managed	91.71	97.31†		2.29
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	511.83	545.05	-1.63	0.33
FA America (Acc)	599.38	637.22	-1.91	0.33
FA UK Equity Inc	150.04	159.85	-0.27	3.62
FA Japan	236.13	251.06	-3.05	
FA Major UK Cos	90.45	96.45	+0.17	2.37
FA Smlr UK Cos	279.52	304.77	-0.56	1.34
FA European	308.02	326.55	-0.94	0.52
FA Amer Smlr Cos	43.32	46.58	-0.27	
FA Asia	46.63	50.08	+0.17	
FA Jap Smlr Cos	43.98	47.10	-0.29	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	91.99	96.82	+0.16	
UK Smlr Cos	80.57	84.80	+0.15	
UK Income	90.92	95.70	+0.17	
America	102.89	108.30	-0.32	
Japanese	51.90	54.62	-0.67	
European	98.67	103.86	-0.29	
Gilt	85.67	90.18	+0.39	
Deposit	83.47	87.86	+0.01	
Managed	94.13	99.08	-0.13	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	89.58	94.29	+0.17	
UK Smaller Cos	78.70	82.83	-0.14	
UK Income	88.71	93.37	+0.17	
America	100.15	105.41	-0.32	
Japanese	50.51	53.16	-0.65	
European	96.13	101.18	-0.30	
Gilt	84.57	89.01	+0.14	
Deposit	79.53	83.71	+0.02	
Managed	88.31	92.95	-0.18	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	78.77	84.12	-0.34	0.22
Pacific Basin	72.87	78.57	-0.21	
High Inc Dist	128.90	137.60	+0.30	5.15
Ryl Life Intl Cncy	56.45	60.03†	-0.90	4.37
Ryl Life Intl Grth	64.03	68.35	-0.35	0.029
Ryl Life Intl Spec	61.07	64.96	-0.24	
UK Emerging Cos	119.50	129.10	+0.20	1.19
UK Index Trckg	156.20	166.60	+0.80	3.44
European	126.60	135.60	-0.10	0.28
Managed	140.50	151.00†	-0.10	0.79
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	144.60	152.90†		0.52
European Growth	109.30	115.60†		0.95
Far East Growth	126.00	134.10†		0.49
Japan Growth	125.10	132.90		
Special Sits	182.90	194.50		1.62
UK Growth	72.54	77.17		2.64
Union General	228.10	242.70		0.80
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	155.40	164.40	-0.30	0.44
Gt Euro Prog Inc	331.20	350.50	-2.00	0.72
(Accum Units)	514.80	544.80	-3.20	0.72
Growth Inc	128.60	136.30	-0.80	0.72
(Accum Units)	131.20	138.80	-0.90	0.72
International Inc	329.80	349.00	-2.90	0.60
(Accum Units)	452.30	478.60	-2.90	0.60
Nth Am & Intl Inc	310.30	326.40	-1.70	1.31
UK Gen Prog Inc	214.40	226.90	-0.60	1.13
UK High Inc Inc	125.50	132.90	-0.30	3.79
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	62.65	66.64	-0.35	
Amer Smlr Cos	74.65	79.41	-0.40	
Asian Gwth	108.64	115.57	-0.39	0.75
European Gwth	66.38	70.61	-0.41	1.00
Global Bd	58.91	62.25	-0.04	5.09
Global Eq	58.23	61.94	-0.13	0.50
Japanese Eq	48.11	51.17	-0.63	
Japan Sm Cos	56.00	59.57	-0.41	
UK Gen	50.62	53.84	-0.31	2.80
UK Gwth	57.24	60.89		1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	67.49	71.80	-0.09	4.17
Amer Smlr Cos	108.70	115.60†	-0.10	
Asian Smaller Cos	42.32	45.02	-0.29	
Capital Portfolio	121.90	129.70	+0.30	1.98
Cash	126.10	126.10		5.97
China Dragon	55.86	59.42	+0.65	0.82
Commodity	117.50	125.00	-0.70	0.40
Eastern Discovery	92.93	98.66	-0.33	
Emerging Mkts	36.17	38.48	-0.21	0.41
Energy Inds	116.30	123.70†	-0.40	0.79
European Gwth	184.80	196.60	-0.10	
Euro Inc & Gwth #	76.34	81.21†		1.22
Euro Smlr Cos	52.61	55.97	-0.05	
Extra Income #	49.84	51.45†	+0.10	6.50
Financial Secs	194.80	207.20	+0.70	1.69
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.68	50.54	+0.27	8.97
Gold & Exploration	70.45	74.95†	-0.48	
High Return #	216.10	229.90†	+0.50	1.42
High Yield #	219.20	233.20	+0.50	4.02
Income #	113.30	120.50†	+0.20	4.65
Intl Bond	161.10	170.20	+0.20	5.76
ITU	196.00	208.50	+0.10	1.58
Japan Growth	162.40	172.80	-1.30	
Japan Smaller	162.70	173.10	-0.80	
Korea	61.08	64.98	-0.65	
Masterfund	52.86	56.26	+0.43	1.29
Scotbits	292.90	311.60†	+1.20	1.46
Scotshares #	277.40	295.10	+1.10	2.53
Scotyields #	230.50	245.20	+0.30	3.85
Select Intl	132.60	141.10	-1.20	0.36
Smaller Cos Inc #	232.20	247.00	+0.10	3.89
SE Asia	52.26	55.60	+0.10	
Special Situation	119.60	127.20	+0.30	1.02
UK Equity #	233.20	248.10†	+1.40	3.02
UK Growth	61.72	65.66	+0.13	1.52
UK & O'seas	156.60	166.60		1.29
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	44.10	46.92†	+0.04	0.97
US Growth	146.20	155.50	-0.10	0.45
Univ Growth	133.40	141.90	-0.50	0.73
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Cbc: 0800 526 535 Brkr 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	249.28	264.99	-0.86	0.98
(Accum Units)	272.37	289.44	-0.93	0.98
European Gwth	73.20	77.71	-0.45	0.83
Euro Smlr Cos	76.87	81.86	-0.05	0.30
Far Eastern Gth	90.21	98.22†	-0.68	
(Accum Units)	91.84	97.98	-0.69	
Gilt & Fixed Int	50.15	52.87	+0.14	7.21
Global Bond #	48.43	50.04†	-0.08	6.96
(Accum Units) #	53.13	54.90	-0.18	6.88
Global Emer Mkts	48.92	52.18	-0.71	
(Accum Units)	48.92	52.18	-0.71	
Income	335.84	358.22	-0.41	4.20
(Accum Units)	£10.46	£11.16	-1.31	4.20
Japan Smlr Cos	447.90	477.76†	-4.38	
(Accum Units)	448.80	478.71	-4.40	
Japan Enterprise	61.05	65.11	-1.06	
Pacific Gwth	125.45	133.81†	+0.11	
(Accum Units)	129.50	138.13	+0.11	..
Portfolio	76.40	81.08†	-0.60	2.07
(Accum Units)	82.99	88.06	-0.64	2.07
Seoul	45.49	48.97	-0.41	
(Accum Units)	45.49	48.97	-0.41	
Smaller Cos	202.60	215.99	-0.08	1.42
Tokyo	111.87	118.11	-1.97	
(Accum Units)	113.80	120.31	-1.99	
UK Enterprise	238.01	253.87	-0.35	2.15
(Accum Units)	285.52	304.55	-0.41	2.15
UK Equity	227.43	242.58†	-0.13	2.88
(Accum Units)	441.93	471.38	-0.27	2.88
US Smlr Cos	158.08	168.59	-0.84	
(Accum Units)	46.00	47.91	-0.21	0.65
Institutional Funds				
European	233.61	242.57†	-0.44	1.15
(Accum Units)	259.58	269.55	-0.48	1.15
Euro Smlr Cos	28.37	29.55	-0.08	1.47
(Accum Units)	30.10	31.35	-0.08	1.47
Global Equity Inc	74.49	77.59	-0.50	0.94
Japan Smlr Cos	35.98	37.47	-0.32	
(Accum Units)	36.28	37.76	-0.33	
Mngd Balanced	179.81	187.30	-0.29	2.75
(Accum Units)	202.86	211.31	-0.33	2.75
Overseas Equity	180.99	188.53	-0.67	1.21
(Accum Units)	187.40	195.20	-0.70	1.21
Oseas Smlr Cos	120.67	125.69†	-0.66	0.72
(Accum Units)	126.04	131.28	-0.49	0.72
Pacific	235.76	245.58	+0.28	1.17
(Accum Units)	257.26	267.97	+0.30	1.17
Recovery	£17.18	£17.88†	-2.87	3.06
(Accum Units)	£18.16	£18.92	-3.03	3.06
UK Index	147.52	153.66	+0.16	3.48
(Accum Units)	179.96	187.46	+0.20	3.48
UK Small Cos	106.96	111.47†	-1.32	2.86
(Accum Units)	113.35	118.08	-1.39	2.86
US Smlr Cos	45.20	47.08	-0.20	0.65
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	47.97	51.09	-0.12	3.73
Equity Trust	58.44	62.24	+0.02	3.19
Equity Strategy	67.72	72.12	-0.11	1.30
European Opps	85.40	90.95	-0.32	0.81
UK Smaller Cos	59.56	63.43	-0.13	1.85
Maximum Inc	97.56	100.49	+0.01	6.66
Japanese	71.05	75.67	-0.45	
Asia Pacific	114.66	122.11	+0.42	1.33
American	98.26	104.65		0.70
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.94	30.94		5.916
UK General Inc	49.39	52.68	+0.04	2.84
(Accum Units)	63.42	67.65	-0.06	2.84
Intl Income	255.90	272.10†	-0.10	1.01
(Accum Units)	439.40	467.10†	-0.20	1.01
European	78.02	82.55	-0.15	1.47
Japan	64.13	67.95	-0.65	0.06
American	65.91	69.76†	-0.11	1.92
Far East	81.83	87.28	-0.13	0.76
Ethical Inc	28.36	30.33†	+0.03	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.96	34.17†	+0.10	2.96
High Inc Inc	34.38	36.67		3.44

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Global Inc	38.05	40.53†	+0.14	1.57
Wwide Tact	67.16	71.54†	-0.04	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	51.82	54.97	-0.08	1.57
Technology	104.65	111.40†	-2.59	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	364.90	388.80	-1.60	2.98
American	253.30	269.80	-0.80	0.59
Pacific	360.40	385.50	-1.90	0.73
European	537.30	574.70	-1.90	1.30
Worldwide	84.54	90.42	-0.43	0.59
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	256.70	272.10	-1.20	2.11
(Accum Units)	322.90	343.50†	-1.20	2.11
UK Sl Co Eq Inc	187.70	199.70†	-0.20	2.55
(Accum Units)	224.90	239.30†	+0.30	2.55
Select Opprtnty Inc	82.89	87.27	-0.10	1.98
Income Plus Inc	68.01	72.36	-0.12	4.32
European Inc	337.10	358.70	-2.80	0.48
(Accum Units)	380.90	405.30	-2.80	0.48
Far Eastern Inc	166.90	177.60	-0.50	0.79
(Accum Units)	190.00	202.20	-0.50	0.79
Japanese Inc	56.61	60.23	-0.71	
Nth American Inc	237.30	252.50	-0.30	0.60
(Accum Units)	251.40	278.10	-0.30	0.60
Intl Growth Inc	192.10	204.40†	-1.00	0.62
Wwide Venture Inc	75.54	80.37	-0.46	0.76
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	348.70	371.90	-0.70	2.87
(Accum Units)	511.40	545.40	+1.00	2.87
UK High Inc	175.90	187.60		3.81
(Accum Units)	254.00	270.90		3.81
Europe Inc	354.90	378.50	-2.60	0.30
Nth Amer Inc	215.78	230.10	-0.40	
Global Inc	193.70	206.60	-1.30	0.37
UK Smlr Cos Inc	92.22	98.36	-0.30	3.20
South East Asia	214.60	228.99	-0.30	0.82
Cash Trust Inc	100.80	100.80		5.70
UK Smllr Cos Inc	95.53	101.90		2.13
(Accum Units)	97.70	104.20		2.13
Intl Bond Inc	88.71	94.17	+0.10	6.17
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	141.80	149.99†	-0.70	4.48
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	123.70	130.70†	-0.20	0.88
Nth American	103.40	108.60†	-0.10	0.09
Intl Bond & Conv	119.20	125.50	-0.40	4.94
Pooled Pension (f)	176.10	189.40		2.20
Smaller Cos	70.57	74.28	-0.02	1.43
UK General	123.10	129.60	-0.20	2.11
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Funct	161.00		-0.10	
Aztec	68.76		-1.07	
European	120.70		-1.50	
Global Bonds	93.63		-0.15	7.69
Gamma	65.01		-1.14	
UK Growth	98.21		-0.09	2.79
Tal Parc	99.25	..	-0.33	
UK Emerg Leaders	96.99		-0.25	1.46
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	300.80	316.20†	-3.60	
Canadian	62.09	65.69	-0.46	1.05
Capital	117.30	125.60†	-0.10	1.52
Cash	101.57	101.57	-0.01	6.38
European	132.30	139.90	+0.20	0.72
Far Eastern	144.80	153.20	-1.20	
Growth	128.30	135.60†	-0.30	0.93
Income	124.30	131.50	-0.10	5.86
Magnum	126.10	135.10	-0.10	1.54
Smlr Secs	358.70	379.50	-0.20	0.97
Thoroughbred	146.40	156.90†	-0.20	1.39
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Cash	50.13	50.63	+0.01	5.50
Capital Prtnrce	53.11	56.65†	-0.07	6.10
Ethical	53.03	56.42	-0.05	3.00
European Growth	72.37	77.19	-0.24	2.80
Income	52.31	55.79	-0.17	6.08
Intl Growth	96.39	102.80	-0.20	2.90
Managed	80.01	85.34	-0.20	3.80
UK Growth	58.56	62.46†	-0.26	3.60
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advg Inc	36.77	38.98†		1.80
Global Advg Acc	39.42	41.79		1.80
Income Advtg Inc	30.78	32.63	-0.10	4.05
Income Advtg Acc	33.79	35.82	-0.10	4.05
UK Equity Gth Acc	62.20	65.94		1.39
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	48.84	51.90		1.65
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	35.02	37.21	+0.10	3.88
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	43.38	46.10	+0.10	3.88
UK Equity Gen Acc	59.88	63.63		2.33
UK Equity Gen Inc	44.30	47.07		2.33
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.96	31.69	+0.20	6.29
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	301.30	327.00	-1.30	1.64
Nth American Acc	44.54	47.33	-0.10	0.88
Far East Acc	64.53	68.57	+0.10	0.24
European Acc	52.09	55.35	-0.10	0.86
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	3.653	3.876		1.44
US Eqts (US$)	2.433	2.583		0.67
Far East Eqts (yen)	221.20	234.90		
Japan Eqties (yen)	209.10	222.10		
FT Europe	124.20	131.80		1.50
FT N Amer (US$)	1.837	1.947		0.97
FT Japan (yen)	208.30	221.30		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.342	2.437		0.57
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	[illegible]	393.00	-3.50	
British #	360.70	[illegible]	-3.50	[illegible]
Emerging Mkts	134.20	142.52	-4.10	
European	517.70	553.10	-0.50	[illegible]
Japan	135.60	145.29	0.75	
New Pacific	362.10	387.50	-0.90	0.74
(Accum Units)	381.70	408.40	-0.30	0.74
Inv Trust Acc	245.10	259.80		0.97
Mngd Equity	165.10	174.70	-0.10	1.45
Mngd Cash	90.64	95.84	-0.02	5.78
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	780.50	834.80†	-2.70	3.01
North America	122.30	130.80†	-0.10	1.06
Far East	137.00	146.50†	-0.20	0.33
Wwide Bond	56.02	59.47	+0.16	5.08
European	102.20	109.30	-0.50	0.03
Equity Income	85.95	91.92	-0.36	4.15
Portfolio	82.30	88.02	-0.13	1.26
UK Leading Cos	57.68	61.52	-0.19	2.97
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	63.30	67.70	-0.28	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
American Growth	33.56	35.89	-0.04	0.81
Managed Assets	121.69	130.16	+0.15	2.71
UK Income	39.35	41.98	+0.06	3.26
UK Growth	37.46	40.07	+0.06	2.53
Worldwide Growth	33.78	36.13	-0.09	0.77
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	46.61	49.48	+0.19	
Cap Protector Inc	40.63	43.67	-0.20	2.70
UK Income Inc	48.45	51.82†	+0.07	3.18
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.11	34.34†	-0.01	3.68
Mngd Hgr Yld Inc	76.68	81.99	-0.12	4.21
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	71.62	76.60	+0.16	3.38
UK Smaller Cos	32.38	34.63	-0.02	1.90
Pacific Grth Port	44.50	47.59†	-0.17	0.08
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 346 794				
American	204.40	216.30	-0.17	
(Accum Units)	225.13	238.24	-0.20	
Ent Growth	91.79	97.13	-0.20	2.18
(Accum Units)	110.45	116.88	-0.25	2.18
European	101.63	107.55†	-0.87	0.69
(Accum Units)	108.08	114.37†	-0.93	0.69
Extra Income	186.14	196.97†	-0.38	4.40
(Accum Units)	320.57	339.23†	-4.35	4.40
Smaller Cos	67.49	71.42	+0.05	1.67
(Accum Units)	75.70	80.11	+0.05	1.67
General	266.15	281.64†	-1.61	2.51
(Accum Units)	550.92	582.98	-3.33	2.51
Premier Income	47.50	49.48†	-0.10	6.49
(Accum Units)	108.53	113.06†	+0.23	6.49
Income	317.30	335.76	-1.09	4.03
(Accum Units)	695.71	736.20	-2.39	4.03
Pacific	385.68	408.12	+0.28	
(Accum Units)	405.25	428.83	+0.29	
International	507.48	537.01	-2.14	0.31
(Accum Units)	687.30	708.14	-2.81	0.31
Nat Resources	144.27	152.66	-0.59	
Sictd Opps	101.15	107.04	-0.29	1.56
(Accum Units)	129.77	136.27	-0.37	1.56
Environmental Inv	59.74	63.21†	-0.25	1.89
Selector	59.38	62.84	-0.16	2.31
(Accum Units)	66.98	70.87	-0.19	2.31
High Income	61.71	65.30	-0.28	4.81
(Accum Units)	78.62	83.19	-0.36	4.81
Intl Income	57.19	60.41	+0.01	5.05
(Accum Units)	70.19	74.28	+0.02	5.05
Selector Income	58.75	62.17	-0.12	4.93
(Accum Units)	68.99	73.01	-0.15	4.93
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 0181 667 1018				
British	311.90	328.30	-1.30	2.87
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	198.30	212.89†	+0.25	1.49
Glob Bdncd Inc	169.59	181.38	-0.28	3.32
Value Tst Inc	118.82	127.08	-0.11	1.56
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	39.31	41.28†	-1.32	6.30
European Growth	267.89	283.89	-1.46	0.90
Exempt	505.16	527.95†	-3.57	3.60
Global Em Mkts	81.12	86.52	-1.25	0.80
Japan Tst	73.02	77.58	-0.44	
Little Dragons	85.64	91.34	+0.91	
Nth Amer Gwth	228.29	243.00†	-0.94	0.70
Oriental Income	43.16	46.03	-0.02	7.50
Preference	126.35	135.14	+0.18	8.70
Tiger	267.34	285.16	+2.10	
(Accum Units)	280.87	299.59	+2.20	
UK Blue Chip	59.26	63.20†	-0.23	3.10
UK Growth	482.92	516.49†	-1.75	2.30
UK High Yield	98.88	105.75†	-0.08	3.60
(Accum Units)	320.83	343.13†	-0.29	3.60
UK Mid-Cap	240.29	256.99	-0.80	2.10
UK Smlr Cos	96.53	103.24†	-0.91	1.10
UK Smll Cos Div	85.38	91.31†	-0.18	5.30
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	94.72	100.77†	-0.32	3.23
UK Equity Growth	83.89	89.24	-0.22	2.54
European	68.70	73.08	-0.25	1.01
Nth American	68.19	72.54	+0.07	1.21
Far Eastern	66.89	71.16	-0.33	0.91
Money	67.21	67.21†	+0.01	4.27
Fixed Interest	70.64	75.15†	+0.25	6.59
Index Linked Gilt	64.63	68.75	+0.16	1.35
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	24.31	25.86	-0.33	
Pacific Basin	42.65	45.37	+0.30	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.84	0.88	+0.00	
Penny Share	32.33	34.39	-0.26	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 600 0452				
Challenger	93.44	95.58	-0.66	
Short Dtd Gilt	110.70	112.20	+0.50	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74	+0.00	0.84
Gilt Income	49.16	51.18	+0.37	7.75
Gilt Growth	69.31	72.13	+0.59	
City Reserve	52.07	52.08	+0.01	5.62
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
Intl Mngd	47.86	50.55		1.26
UK Stockmarket	75.42	80.23		2.66

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge

Prices close above their lowest

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
503	380½	Abbey Ntl	430	-2½	4.4	14.7
314	233	Allied Irish	270	+4	5.4	10.1
278¾	171	Anz New Z	214	+1	6.5	7.5
3300	2462½	Bank America†	3037½	-25	...	...
247	172½	Bank Scotland	205	-6	3.2	11.8
640	487	Barclays	611	-8	5.4	14.9
319	246	Bk of Ireland	305	...	4.7	8.8
2812½	2262½	Citicorp†	2700	-12½	...	...
285½	203	Close Bros	232	...	4.0	18.5
£150¾	£121½	Commerzbk	£143¾	+131¼	5.0	...
1295¾	893¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1109¾	+9¾	0.5	...
£349¼	£270¾	Deutsche Bk	£309¾	-10¾	2.5	...
1313¾	712½	Espirito Santo	712½	-6¼	5.3	3.6
80	57	First Nat Fin†	69	...	3.7	44.0
1548¾	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1350	+14	0.4	...
473	269	Hambros	233	-2	8.8	14.3
1113	589	HSBC	670	-1	4.6	9.7
1138	576	HSBC HK	658	-8	4.6	9.6
443	303	Joseph (L)	393	...	5.8	11.4
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	601	-8	4.4	12.0
680	519	Lloyds	570	-6	5.8	9.3
820½	472	Nat Aust Bk	585	+6	8.0	*
622	421	Nat West	489	-8	4.9	9.7
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150	...	6.8	...
76	55	Rea Bros	72	...	1.9	17.4
528	373½	Royal Bk Scot†	482	-9½	4.3	11.5
1574	1250	Schroders	1525	-10	1.5	14.0
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1365	-8	1.7	12.5
114	79	Singer & Fried	85	...	4.6	10.9
359¼	223	Stand Chart	259	-8	3.1	8.8
291	197	TSB	238	-1	4.7	...
1012	669	Warburg SG	728	...	3.8	13.4
£105	9812½	Wells Fargo†	1975	-62½	2.8	...
280	194	Westpac	228	+1	2.5	*
300	203	Wintrust	238	...	5.9	15.0

BREWERIES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	150	Ascot Hldgs	150	...		
619	485	Bass	515	-5	5.1	12.7
299	243	Boddington	245	...	4.2	13.2
196	168	Burtonwood Brwt	171	...	3.7	14.3
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	165	-1	3.1	20.0
68	46¼	Fosters Brewing	56	...	8.1	14.1
483	325	Fuller Sm 'A'	338	...	2.8	14.0
511	369	Greenalls Grp†	408	+2	4.0	13.4
584	452	Greene King	470	-7	3.5	12.9
397	229	Hardy Hanson†	280	...	4.5	12.7
170	135	[illegible]	158	...	3.6	*
3773	3125	Holt J	3386	...	1.8	18.6
240	195	Mansfield	204	-1	2.5	14.3
314	250	Marston Thomp	277	...	2.8	13.5
545	435	Morland	445	...	3.0	13.4
10¾	6¾	[illegible]	7	...	3.8	16.5
329	298	Regent Inns	307	-3	2.0	22.5
1869¾	1000	SA Breweries	1456¼	...	2.0	22.7
591	477	Scot & New	505	-1	4.3	14.5
305	212	Vaux Group	217	...	5.7	12.2
491	324½	Wetherspoon JD	464	...	1.8	25.5
617	494	Whitbread	537	-4	4.5	14.7
589	488	Wolvrhmptn D	489	...	3.6	12.9
308	148	Yates Bros†	198	+5	2.4	15.6
535	450	Young 'A'	469	...	4.1	18.5

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

BUILDING MATERIALS

BUSINESS SERVICES

CHEMICALS

DISTRIBUTORS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	86	ABI Leis	98	...	6.2	11.3
317	248	Acal	305	...	2.8	16.7
585	253	Allen & Harvey	580	-20	3.5	7.0
31	20	Alexanders	21	...	6.2	...
175	88	Applevard	92	+3	7.9	10.2
6	2¼	Ass Br Eng	4¾	-¼	1.6	30.3
578	485	BSS Group	537	+3	4.3	18.6
25¾	17	[illegible]	22½	...	5.6	11.5
405	249	[illegible]	253	...	5.2	10.4
40	26	Bogod 'A'	28	...	3.1	11.8
378	288	Bunzl	346	...	4.7	19.2
31	15	Bridgend Gp	15	...	1.7	78.0
99	78	Brit Fittings	84	-1	3.0	...
71	40	Brown & Tawse	42	...	...	...
57	35	[illegible]	38	...	8.3	*
465	245	Cafyns	258	...	5.6	42.4
59	12	Cadel Plc	15¾	+1	8.9	8.6
130	73	Central Mtr	73	...	4.9	*
51	32½	Cook (DC)	36	...	4.0	11.0
342¼	197½	Cowie	220	-4	3.2	18.9
192¾	127	Dag Motors	137	-1	5.9	15.7
683	446	[illegible]	588	...	1.4	14.5
465	414½	Diploma	435	...	3.9	15.3
589	443	Electrocomponts	494	-3	2.6	20.2
179	133	Electron House†	180	+2	2.8	13.5
263	225	Ellis & Everard†	252	...	3.9	16.7
234	200	[illegible]	209	...	5.9	15.6
173	100	European Mtr	100	-1	5.7	18.9
539¾	376	Evans Halshaw	378	...	4.7	11.8
856	490½	Farnell Elect	545	-2	1.6	22.4
78	50	Fife Indmar	55	...	8.2	8.1
34	15	Gardiner	20½	...	5.0	*
46	19	Glenchewton	20	...	...	22.1
80	60	Gowrings	71	...	3.5	21.5
78	59	Hallite Hldgs	67	...	...	52.3
172	122	Harris (Philip)	169	...	9.1	14.8
342¼	234	Hestair	259	...	3.6	13.9
191	88	Holders Tech	97	...	7.7	10.5
138	103	ISA Intl	103	...	2.1	13.9
609	295	Inchcape	302	+5	6.2	10.9
65	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	150	...	3.3	17.3
573	281	Lex Service	284	-3	5.9	18.9
282	162	Lookers	175	...	5.5	9.4
20	14	[illegible]	14	...	2.2	...
8	3¼	Middlesex ◎	7¼	...	...	...
440	270	[illegible]	388	-2	0.7	17.8
108	47	[illegible]	82	...	1.8	30.1
175	152	PCT	152	...	6.1	14.7
310	228	Pendragon	228	...	4.1	15.0
238	130	Perry Gp	138	...	6.7	7.1
216	126	Quicks Group	127	...	5.2	13.4
188	97	REA	165	...	4.5	34.1
5¼	2¼	Reece	2¾	...	...	...
24	4	Ross Gp	4½	...	5.6	...
42	32¾	SEP Indl†	38¾	...	3.4	...
44	31	TLS Range	42	...	3.0	16.9
285	215	Time Products	227	...	4.8	13.3
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	168	...	3.8	12.4
335	240	Wholesale Ftgs	243	...	6.1	21.4
30	13½	Wills Gp	14½	...	4.3	8.7
74½	39½	Wilshaw	70	+½	1.2	23.8
69	40	Wyko†	65	+1	2.1	22.1
98	61	Young (H)	80	...	5.6	15.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest	154	+1	6.1	15.7
380	199½	Antofagasta	303	...	1.5	24.5
62	44½	Armour	44½	...	5.2	8.2
997	779½	Broken Hill	865	+13	2.4	18.3
401	273	BTR	311	-7	5.0	16.4
578	372	BAT	441	-7½	5.9	11.5
270¾	120¼	[illegible] Intl▼	229	-1½	0.3	60.8
91	49	Bibby (J)	87	+2	4.3	16.1
57¼	44	[illegible]	45¼	...	8.3	2.6
836	636¼	[illegible]	767	...	3.7	22.5
285	215	Cookson	228½	-½	3.6	20.5
302	217½	Hanson	240¼	-2¼	6.3	14.8
220	136	Harrison Crsfld	146½	+2½	7.7	16.7
365¼	200¼	Hutch Whamp	258	-8¼	2.2	18.4
710	409½	Jardine Math	539½	-4½	2.7	12.3
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	28	...	4.3	28.8
175½	124½	[illegible]	153½	...	3.7	28.1
44	16	Porter Chadbrn	40½			
665¼	462	Powell Duffryn▼	466	-3	8.7	13.1
164	118¼	[illegible]	125	...	7.5	14.2
466	337	[illegible]	468	-1	5.2	22.8
34¼	9¼	[illegible]	15½	...	...	5.9
163½	105	Sime Darby	140	+2	3.1	17.8
267	164	[illegible]	168	-1	8.3	51.8
220	148	Suter	158	...	7.8	14.5
283	220	TT Group	238	...	2.3	...
283	202	Tomkins†	230	-2	4.2	14.8
124	62½	Trafalgar Ht	69	-1	1.8	...
440	245	[illegible]	295	...	6.3	...
324	245½	Wassall	287	-1	1.7	22.9
13¼	9¼	[illegible]	9¼	...	2.8	14.8
414¼	309	Williams Hldg	331	-1	4.9	28.4

ELECTRICITY

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
894¼	610½	East Midlands†	784	-5	4.5	32.1
868	568	Eastern Grp†	730	+6	4.2	18.0
785	534	London Elect	744	-4	4.1	11.4
886	635	Manweb†	841	-6	4.0	18.1
845¼	547	Midlands Elect	777	-9	4.0	11.9
509	404½	National Power	467	-2	4.1	12.8
1100	589	Northern Elect	1093	...	3.1	13.1
421	329	Ntn Ireland†	356	...	4.2	9.7
887	587	Norweb	833	-3	3.7	18.0
602	449	PowerGen	490	-3	3.8	18.6
477	307	Hydro-Elect†	315	...	5.2	10.0
486	324	Scottish Power†	329	-5	4.9	10.4
490	299	Seeboard	452	+8	3.4	12.3
912	591	Sth Wales†	856	+4	4.2	11.6
888	551	Sth Western†	851	+2	3.7	11.3
831	540	Southern Elect	757	-2	4.0	11.0
909	604½	Yorkshire Elec	876	-7	4.0	15.0

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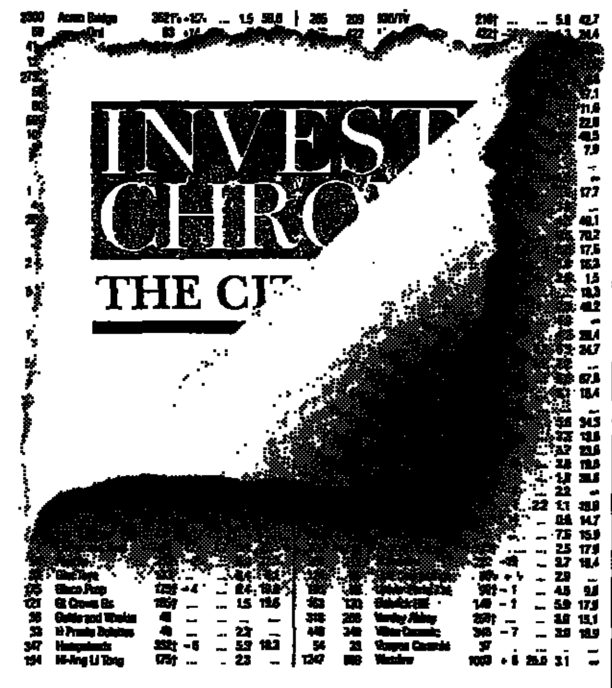
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PHARMACEUTICALS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311¼	Brit Biotech	590	...	...	...
488	298	Cantab Pharms	358	...	...	...
271	181	Celltech	271	+2	...	...
151	88	Chiroscience	123	+4	...	...
47	35	Cortecs	36	...	...	...
157	105	Fisons	118	+2	2.9	...
725	520	Glaxo†	641	-2	5.8	16.3
185	95¼	Grampian Hlg	114	-1	6.0	21.1
187	120	Medeva	176	+1	2.1	14.2
3	1	Pacific Health	1	...	...	...
330	227	Quality Care†	236	...	2.4	*
355	242	Scotia	355	+1	...	...
63	44	Shield Diag	48	-2	...	...
489	357½	SmithKline	482	-3	3.1	18.2
474	322	Smithkline Uts	465	-3	3.3	18.1
1030¼	895	Wellcome	1032	...	2.8	22.8
934	672	Zeneca	895	-15	3.9	18.0

PRINTING & PAPER

PROPERTY

RETAILERS, FOOD

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70	50¼	ASDA Group†	66¼	+¼	3.4	16.9
315	222½	Argyll†	273½	-4½	5.3	11.7
505	413	Brake Bros	461	...	1.9	18.6
43	33	Budgen	34½	-½	3.7	20.8
17	11½	Cullens	13¼	...		
137	89¼	Dairy Farm Int	78¼	+¼	4.8	10.5
394	344	Farepak†	349	...	2.5	18.1
66	37	Fitzwilton	40	-3	11.3	...
110	87	Fyffes†	110	...	1.7	...
371	185	Geest	174	...	5.8	...
1090	653	Greggs	1050	-3	2.3	19.7
211	133	Iceland Group	151	+1	3.2	9.4
656	523	Kwik Save	548	...	4.4	9.8
18	9	Merchant Retail	10¼	...		
149	99	Morrison (W)	139	...	0.9	16.2
232	126	Nurdin Peack	156	+3	5.9	8.7
146	89¼	Park Foods†	113	...	2.8	19.1
5¼	1½	Regina Hlth	1½			
460	342	Sainsbury J	416	...	3.2	14.8
258	200¼	Tesco	247	...	4.0	12.4
185	145	Thorntons	142	...	4.2	12.0
422	278	Watson & Philip†	380	-1	3.3	13.5

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
49	25	Alexon	27½	...		
248	139	Allders†	200	...	4.8	11.8
410	307	Argos Plc	347	-1	3.0	14.3
132	50¼	Ashley (Laura)	79	...	8.2	...
357	120	Asprey	128	-5	6.3	9.9
245	178	Austin Reed	217	...	3.2	10.6
188	132	Beattie (J) 'A'	132	...	5.9	17.2
150	110	Bentalls	115	...	2.2	39.8
145	36	[illegible]	43	...	8.1	4.6
46	29	Blacks Leis	31	...	8.1	...
264	187	Body Shop	179	-2	1.5	18.7
601	458½	Boots	477	-1	4.0	15.2
12¼	1¼	Brown & Jackson	1¼			
283	205	Brown (N)	227	+4	3.9	20.2
74½	51	Burton	71	...	3.5	35.0
245	130	[illegible]	134	...	3.8	19.0
304	220	Carpetright†	283	...	3.9	18.7
246	152	[illegible]	152	-2	1.8	28.9
520	388	Church	480	...	3.4	24.4
171	83	Claire Cards	84	...	7.0	12.2
170	81	[illegible]	86	...	5.8	27.3
893	720	Courts Furnish	788	...	1.8	40.6
210	155	Crown Eye	180	...	6.4	8.1
353	236	DFS Furniture	241	...	3.7	18.1
287	170	Dixons Group	267½	-2½	4.9	22.0
580	532	[illegible]	580	...	3.8	27.2

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
583	500	Allied Domecq†	504	-2	5.6	13.6
459	358	Bulmer (HP)†	409	...	3.5	21.8
148	105	Burn Stewart	116	...	5.4	28.5
508	392	Grand Mett	470	-7	4.7	16.7
542	408½	Guinness	422	-6	3.8	13.9
457	353	Highland Dist	397	...	2.3	18.1
222	127	Macallan-Glen	205	...	0.7	54.5
710	365	Marston Mth 'A'	680	...	1.9	28.4
614	515	Matthew Clark†	546	+2	4.3	25.1
250	61	Merydown W	68	...	3.8	...
188	142	Tomatin Dist†	147	...	5.7	11.4

SUPPORT SERVICES

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
496	357½	BT	384¼	-4¼	5.6	15.[illegible]
543	360½	Cable Wireless†	385	-9½	2.8	15.[illegible]
226	108	Fibrotic Com	225	+1	0.4	46.[illegible]
1543	1146	Securicor†	1458	+3	0.3	34.[illegible]
1089	785	Securicor 'A'†	930	...	0.5	21.[illegible]
892	606	Security Serv†	780	+1	1.1	21.[illegible]
188	167	Telewest	182½	-½	...	...
221	157½	Vodafone	184½	-3½	2.1	23.[illegible]

TEXTILES & APPAREL

TRANSPORT

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	58	Air London	65	...	6.7	12.4
777¾	618¼	All Nippon Air	683¼	+¼	0.3	*
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	272	-2	2.3	21.7
547¼	440	BAA	448	-8	2.8	17.1
138	103½	Badgerline	138	...	3.7	...
496¼	344	Br Airways	387	-3	3.7	9.9
79	27	Central Tran R	33	+1	...	...
108	75	Clarkson (H)	102	...	2.1	25.6
178	140	Dart	152	...	3.2	14.7
502¼	195	Eurotunnel Uts	280	-3	...	...
87	50	Fisher (James)	60	...		
598	495	Forth Ports	481	...	2.1	21.5
255	158	GRT Bus	230	+3	1.9	19.7
172	113	Go-Ahead	160	...	3.0	20.9
222	125	Goode Durrant†	212	...	3.7	16.8
335	125	[illegible]	128	...	4.4	9.8
71	39	Jacobs (JI)	55	...	3.8	...
111	78	Lon O'Seas Frts	77	...	6.2	7.8
594	358	Mersey Docks	385	...	3.5	*
201	145	NFC†	170	+1	5.2	17.4
347	215	Nat Express	319	...	3.0	18.4
348	244	Ocean Group	289	-1	6.2	14.6
91	58	Ocean Wilsons	70	...	5.7	10.1
743	657½	P & O Dfd	590	-10	6.6	17.9
209	158	P & O 5.5%	167	-1	4.1	...
182	84	Seacon	92	...	3.3	48.8
223	158	Stagecoach†	232	+2	2.3	23.0
131	83	TNT	88	+3	...	...
916	613	Tibbet & Britn	613	-5	3.0	15.7
327	191	TDG	199	...	6.0	13.4
136	98	[illegible]	116	+1	2.6	*
169	75	Utd Carriers	85	...	2.1	...

WATER

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
697	442	Anglian†	487	-8	8.0	11.0
385	298	Mid Kent Hlgs	335	...	4.4	11.3
611	454	North West†	506	-12	5.9	7.3
769	598	Northumbrian†	759	-7	4.2	8.2
645	457	Severn Trent†	511	-12	5.7	8.5
1925	1325	South Staffs	1915	...	3.6	11.8
676	459	South West†	516	-10	6.4	7.5
682	466	Southern†	564	-10	5.3	8.2
611	434½	Thames†	478	-10	8.1	7.2
744	546	Welsh†	589	-8	5.4	6.7
379¼	261	Wessex†	273	-8	5.5	7.1
630	456	Yorkshire†	519	-14	5.7	7.8

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BRITISH FUNDS

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gss red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103	96	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.82	8.48
107	101	Exch 10¼% 1995	101	...	10.10	6.72
113	104	Treas 12¾% 1995	104	...	12.24	6.98
117	106	Treas 14% 1996	106	...	13.20	7.12
121	108	Treas 15¼% 1996	108	+	14.81	7.42
117	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	106	+	12.43	7.55
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	103	+	9.67	7.81
100	95	Treas 7% 1997	97	+	7.17	8.10
121	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	109	...	12.15	7.95
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104	+	10.05	8.01
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	+	8.68	8.29
131	115	Exch 15% 1997	115	+	12.97	8.33
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	103	+	9.43	8.42
100	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	96	+	7.48	8.42
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95	+	7.08	8.45
131	114	Treas 14% 1998-01	115	+	12.14	8.53
140	120	Treas 15½% 1998	121	+	12.79	8.49
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	110	+	10.83	8.56
116	100	Treas 9½% 1999	103	+	9.20	8.51
128	112	Exch 12¼% 1999	112	+	10.90	8.60
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	106	+	9.83	8.58
107	89	Treas 6% 1999	90	+	6.69	8.51
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	108	-	9.46	8.60
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
116	98	Conv 9% 2000	101	...	8.84	8.65
108	95	Treas 8% 2000	97	...	8.19	8.50
136	118	Treas 13% 2000	118	-	10.99	8.68
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	105	...	9.44	8.71
106	88	Treas 7% 2001	91	+	7.62	8.61
122	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	105	-	9.24	8.75
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	95	-	8.33	8.68
137	114	Treas 10% 2003	107	...	9.31	8.76
129	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112	...	10.24	8.84
80	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74	+	4.71	7.97
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	105	-	9.04	8.72
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	87	-	7.89	8.62
100	87	Treas 8½% 2005	98	-	8.67	8.61
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	105	-	9.02	8.69
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	121	-	10.31	8.95
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	93	-	8.27	8.61
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	95	-	8.41	8.60
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115	+	10.16	8.86
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	98	-	8.57	8.61
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127	-	10.65	8.95
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	103	-	8.72	8.69
112	91	Treas 8% 2009	95	+	8.30	8.58
LONGS (over 15 years)						
98	77	Treas 6¼% 2010	80	-	7.73	8.48
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	103	-	8.65	8.55
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	104	+	8.64	8.54
93	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74	+	7.39	8.39
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	95	...	8.38	8.45
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93	+	8.33	8.60
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	102	...	8.51	8.48
159	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	130	-	9.21	8.60
UNDATED						
54	39	War Ln 3½%	41	+	8.43	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	29	+	8.60	...
INDEX-LINKED						
204	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	200	-	1.89	3.63
113	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	-	2.72	3.68
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167	-	3.36	3.84
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163	-	3.48	3.85
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	-	3.51	3.85
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	168	-	3.58	3.86
157	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	150	...	3.63	3.87
170	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156	+	3.66	3.88
149	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130	+	3.69	3.88
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138	...	3.71	3.89
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	133	+	3.74	3.90
135	108	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110	+	3.73	3.88
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109	+	3.76	3.90

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INFOTECH

When computers learn to say hello

David Hewson reports on an answer to incompatible machines

Nobody needs a crystal ball to predict that this year is going to be a good one for anyone in the busines of making sticky labels for the peronal computer business. Compu:r boxes now come plastere wth messages that proudly proclair that the contents are EnrgyStar compliant, have Intel Inside, and are unswervingly Mrosft Windows-ready.

is 'ear, manufacturers have a ne and potentially baffling messa to promote. Stand by for a flood of ickers proclaiming that everyth you want to buy, from PC to pter. modem to monitor, is "plug-a play compatible".

ug-and-play is a simple idea. All eans is that computers and their pherals are able to recognise e other without being told.

e technology has been around more than a decade on the Apple intosh. Set up a Mac, plug in different printers, an extra disc, a CD-Rom and a modem, the computer will automatically 'out through the connecting es and talk to each device.

fe is not so simple in the PC d, even with the current version Microsoft Windows. As anyone is not an IT expert knows, ng up even a simple printer is a -consuming and technical pro- You need to tell the computer h particular data port it is going int through, set up the software drives the print output, possibly e with tiny DIP switches under- h the printer ... then spend an or so trying to work out why system insists on taking the last ines of every screen page and ting them at the top of every ical piece of paper.

nd printers are the easy part. alling sound cards and CD-Rom drives can be the stuff of pure nightmare.

The solution could be the plug-and-play technology built into Windows 95 due to be released in August. For the past two years Microsoft has been distributing the technical details of the software routines it has built into its new operating system to equipment manufacturers.

Within the space of a few years, virtually every new peripheral device on the market will boast plug-and-play compatibility. Which sounds wonderful ... but will it work?

Apple has been able to make plug-and-play successful largely because it designs and manufactures both the Macintosh hardware and operating system. By contrast, the PC world is bedevilled by a variety of chips and standards that are broadly compatible on most fronts but, on occasion, simply refuse to speak to each other.

One of the first manufacturers to work with Microsoft was NEC, which is now releasing a series of printers, monitors and CD-Rom drives designed to adopt plug-and-play the moment Windows 95 is released.

"With a monitor it will mean you can configure it so that the resolution will automatically change according to the software you use," says Alun Williams, product manager for NEC's printers in the UK.

"You can, for example, have large type when you are word processing, and then switch to a bigger picture if you are doing graphics work."

The benefits for printing are likely to be even more dramatic. A new range of printers from NEC, which start at about £350 for a monochrome laser model and £900 for a colour system, will automatically adjust the resolution of a printed page to match its content, improving the output appearance of high quality graphics pages without the need for any technical knowledge on the part of the user.

Monitors and printers are probably going to be plug-and-play's first great successes. Other parts of the peripherals business look distinctly less promising. Hard disc drives for PCs use a variety of connection standards which have in common nothing but a love of impenetrable acronyms and deeply technical reference material.

The most difficult area of all is the one where plug-and-play should be at its best — the credit card device standard known as PCMCIA. A variety of PCMCIA devices are now coming on to the market, including modems, CD-Rom interfaces, data cards for digital mobile phones and even tiny hard disc drives.

PCMCIA slots are standard on all new notebook computer models and will begin to appear on new desktop machines soon. You should be able to plug them straight into your machine and see them integrated into the system. But this remains a pipe dream. Depressing tales of incompatibilities between PCMCIA cards from different manufacturers are already starting to appear, and it seems unlikely that Windows 95 will solve them.



Alun Williams: "The resolution on a monitor will automatically change according to the software"

Delphi improves service

Better access to the Internet

DELPHI Internet, the online information and entertainment service which handles *The Times* electronic area, is to give subscribers better links to the Internet later this year, *Matthew May writes.*

It has signed an agreement with Netscape Communications to use software that will give subscribers full access to the fastest growing part of the Internet — the World Wide Web. A whole range of organisations and individuals have set up pages on the Web, which can include pictures, graphics and text.

Each page can also be set up to include links to any other information available on the system without the user needing to know the electronic address or even which country the information may be coming from.

Delphi, which is a subsidiary of News International, publisher of *The Times*, says it is rebuilding its online service to include the latest developments on the Internet, such as audio and video.

The British arm of the company, Delphi UK, is shortly expected to introduce a separate new service that will give customers the ability to send or receive up to 1,000 electronic mail messages a month from anywhere in the world for £5 per month.

Apple slices

NEER, Japan's top audio oment maker, says it will to make personal com- rs by combining Apple's intosh software with its audio-video technology. ll be the first Japanese pany to produce Macin- tcompatible PCs. It plans tart selling them by the le of next year. The outers will come in two , and will operate both act discs and laser discs the help of built-in audio ment.

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world's most industrial- countries are meeting in sels next weekend to dis- the "information society" ssues such as safeguard- rivacy and ensuring net- security.

e Group of Seven minis- conference will also at- a host of chief executives the world's major elec- tronics and telecommunications companies. About 45 have been invited to attend a round table of business leaders.

Under attack

IT IS trouble all the way for Microsoft at the moment. Not only has a US judge rejected the anti-trust settlement agreed between the company and the US Justice Department, but the giant software company is also being sued by Apple.

Apple is claiming the company illegally appropriated a software code that improves the quality of video in multimedia applications. It is seeking an injunction that would prevent Microsoft from distributing any product containing the contested software. This would include Windows 95 due to be launched in August.

The End?

AN "interactive film", where the audience gets to choose the ending, starts in 50 American cinemas today. The audience will pay $5 to spend 20 minutes in a cinema with seats equipped with red, green and yellow buttons on the arms. The audience get to choose what kind of punishment should be dished out to a corrupt politician, a womaniser or a white supremacist, casting their votes by pushing the buttons. A computer will tabulate the results and then end the film accordingly.

Beware Mario

THE French EU Commissioner, Edith Cresson, has proposed a special tax on telecommunications services to help Europe to fend off competition from American and Asian giants. "Europe is as threatened culturally and industrially as much by the education software and programs of Nintendo and Microsoft as by American television series," she said in a letter to Marcelino Oreja, the EU Culture Commissioner.

She said a tax of 0.5 per cent, to be collected nationally, would make available £460 million to go into a national fund to make educational and training programmes.

Super-chip

NEC, the Japanese electronics firm, says it has developed the world's first one gigabit dynamic random access memory (DRAM) chip, able to hold a billion bits of information, in a bid to take the intitiative in the competitive multimedia market. The next generation chip, with a memory capacity 64 times bigger than that of existing chips, will not be ready to go on sale until at least 1998.

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ONLINE



IRANIAN authorities are to remove tens of thousands of satellite dishes in the country after a parliamentary ban on the equipment received final approval on Wednesday. The ban gives satellite users one month to take down their dishes and related equipment or face legal action.

Over the past few years thousands of Iranian households, bored by state television, have installed satellite dishes which are smuggled into the country.

Supermarket offers shoppers the chance to scan their own groceries

Farewell to the checkout queue

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ext month, Safeways is to t testing one potential an- r, a "self-scanning" system re shoppers scan the code of each item into a table unit before they place n their trolley. It gives a ning total of the bill, and if y change their minds items be deselected by rescanning them and clicking a minus button.

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Safeways says that it expects the system to be in 50 or 60 stores by the end of the year.

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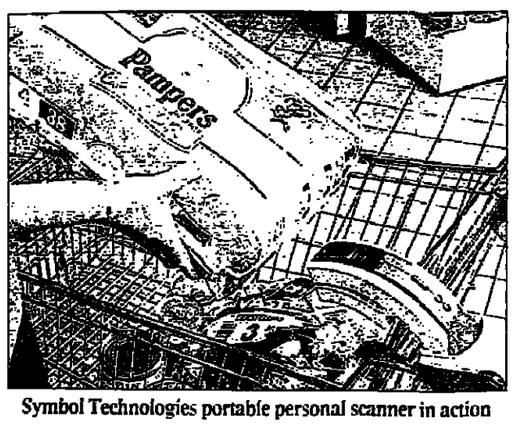
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Networks That Go The Distance

Giants are back in the frame

David Guest finds a legacy of opportunity in 'old' technology



Old and impressively large mainframes are still in use but the skilled individuals needed to run them are becoming difficult to

Time's winged chariot is particularly hard on technical accomplishments. A chariot mechanic would find little work in a modern vehicle workshop. In information technology, the transition from top-flight chariot engineer to outdated fettler is often abrupt.

In consequence, IT specialists often try to add new skills to their repertoire to protect their future employment prospects. As they do so, the old skills inevitably decline. Little sentiment has attached to this loss. As with the Welsh language, the disappearance of mainframe Cobol from the world's stock of literature would not be widely regarded as a tragedy in the English-speaking world.

One of the curiosities of the IT job market in recent months, however, has been the revival of demand for experience of what are slightingly known as legacy systems. These old and impressively large mainframe systems were thought to have had their day. Their capacity for work, awesome in its time, had been overtaken by more modern technology. Alas, some of the sprightly new technology has been found wanting and faith in some of the more advanced of them has waned.

As a result, some companies have decided to continue to operate and develop their older systems. But they have not found it easy to trace appropriately skilled individuals, most of whom have dispersed or retrained.

When the credit-reference agency Infolink, subsequently absorbed into Equifax Europe, wanted up to ten people who knew the Unisys A Series computers inside out, recruitment agencies told them that the search was likely to be fruitless.

Infolink wanted contract analyst/programmers with skills in Cobol and the Unisys database system DMS II. Cobol varies on different manufacturers' mainframes, and DMS II is an older-style hierarchical database specific to Unisys.

Two of the more enterprising agencies suggested a compromise: take people with experience of other mainframes and cross-train them.

Barbara Mitchell, development manager at Equifax, says: "I knew it was a concept that would work because I've done something similar myself. The three main things anyone switching environments must learn and understand quite quickly are database access methods, editing and job control. The differences in Cobol are not major."

She appointed the Croydon-based recruitment and software services agency Gatton Consulting Group to organise the project. Jon Tyler, Gatton's managing director, says: "We advertised and got mainly ICL Cobol people and some ex-Sperry (with Burroughs, one of the constituent parts of Unisys). They spent five days training at Unisys in Milton Keynes and all passed the tests. Nine were immediately offered roles by Infolink."

Mark Pruce, a freelance software specialist, was one of the graduates of the cross-training exercise and he is now some way into a 12-month contract with Equifax. "I've 15 years experience in IT, in all sorts of environments and roles, but mostly from the Sperry side," he says.

"I'd been working overseas and I came back to Britain to find the number of Sperry mainframe sites had diminished and there were fewer places to work."

Mr Pruce believes that cross-training is a straightforward and realistic option for people with the right temperament. "In some cases the differences between computer systems can be radical, but in principle they all have the same elements. The operating system is where the learning curve comes in. File structures can also vary widely, but a file is a file. Often all you have to do is learn the terminology." He stresses, though, that practical and immediate application of new skills is vital. "It's no good going on a course and then sitting at home for six months."

"Pay rates at first were not as good as if you had five or six years' experience, but it was still a reasonable rate for going into."

He will not rely on his mainframe skills to provide a long-term meal ticket. "I don't think I should jump on the bandwagon of every new software product launched, but there is a core probably five years — in which knowledge becomes out of date. I hope to be in Oracle relational database products in a year."

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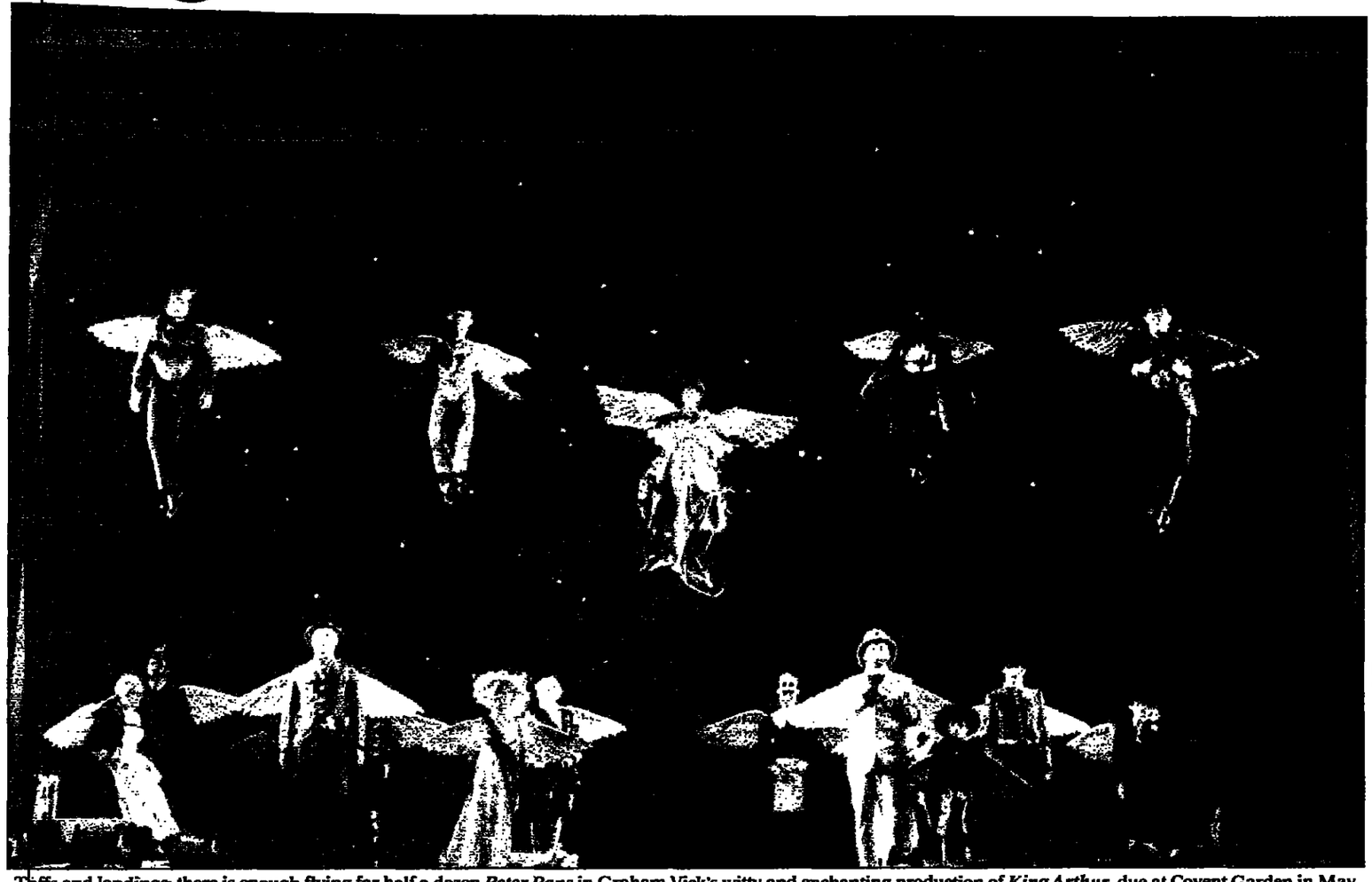
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Nights at the round table



Toffs and landings: there is enough flying for half a dozen *Peter Pans* in Graham Vick's witty and enchanting production of *King Arthur*, due at Covent Garden in May

Paris has done Henry Purcell proud with a sumptuous new staging of his patriotic semi-opera. **Rodney Milnes** reports

King Arthur
Théâtre du Châtelet

Purcell's so-called "semi-operas" have long been considered a problem, if not an embarrassment. *King Arthur*(1691) is designated "a dramatick opera" but is no such thing: it is a play by Dryden with musical episodes often comically introduced. "Hark! a crew of Kentish lads and lasses you'd entertain ye till your lord's return" is the blandly unapologetic text for one divertissement.

Much past much effort has gone into making the piece palatable to modern audiences: there have been concert versions with or without linking narrations: performances of Purcell music with gobbets of Dryden, even wholesale rewriting to make it more like a real opera. It seems to have occurred to nobody with a living memory to perform *King Arthur* as Dryden and Purcell conceived it, which is what the Théâtre Musical de Paris have done in co-production with the Royal Opera, and it works perfectly.

That is, of course, being falsely naive: you need an excuse like the composer's tercentenary to go to the expense of engaging a huge company of actors, dancers, singers and musicians and then putting them into the sort of lavish production expected at the time. The resulting spectacle lasts for four hours, no longer than a serious *Hamlet* or a *Lohengrin*, but more than you expect for what is supposed to be only a semi-opera. But the eight performances at the Châtelet have long been sold-out, and last Sunday's matinee was greeted with unbridled rapture. A remark overheard on the way out — "Moi, je préfère *Butterfly*" — was clearly a minority report.

The play is a delight. Scholars of the period may well find a hidden agenda in Dryden's action. British Arthur and Saxon Oswald, each with a full complement of supernatural aides-de-fairly-camp, fight both for the country and the hand of blind Emmeline. At the behest of Merlin they are reconciled — "Britons and Saxons shall be once one People, one common faith, one common tongue". It is an agenda scarcely calculated to appeal to Euro-sceptics, but fair enough as a cue for the patriotic finale.

Dryden leavens the heroics with wit as dry as it is sly, a wit matched by Graham Vick in his entrancing production. Indeed, one of the fascinations of the undertaking is the continuity of English humour. Pricking the bubble of pomposity, the gentle mockery of plainness (Emmeline's confidante is straight W.S. Gilbert, certainly in Stephanie Fayerman's hilariously deadpan performance) and disrespect for over-vaunted chastity ("Help! A rape! A rape!" is, I fear, a laugh-line), all suggest a straight progression from Dryden to Orton.

The actors, all with respectable NT and RSC provenance, declaim the text with the fearlessness of a Wolfit and, in the case of Bernard Horsfall's Merlin, the quizzical humour of a Scofield, while all around them Vick, his designer Paul Brown and choreographer Ron Howell weave a web of enchanting theatrical fantasy. There is enough flying for half a dozen *Peter Pans*.

Especially delightful are the Cold Genius and his entourage of sneezing polar bears, the jumping-jack Harvesters, hornpiping Fishermen, and ballet of little box-hedge plants. The vision of future British Worthies, half of them airborne over the White Cliffs of Dover, includes a suffragette, a boy scout, a bobby and even, earthbound but singing beautifully, Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard.

There is never anything remotely precious about William Christie's period music-making: the sound from Les Arts Florissants is warm, richly coloured and vigorous. Most important, Christie ensures that there is never an inch of space between play and music: the speed of the performance makes this the shortest four hours on record. And Christie's conducting of Véronique Gens singing *Fairest Isle* is alone worth the price of a ticket when *King Arthur* visits Covent Garden in May.

CONCERTS

Skiff misses the tide of inspiration

Sinfonia 21/ Brabbins
Queen Elizabeth Hall

REALISING that their original label does not have the cachet it might have had, had the docklands dream come true, the Docklands Sinfonietta has changed its name to Sinfonia 21.

The group's programmes are out of the ordinary. This one began with the London premiere of John Casken's *Darting the Skiff*: then came a postwar masterpiece, Lutoslawski's *Paroles tissées* of 1965, and then a triple homage to Purcell, Britten and Tippett — songs by the first of those composers arranged by the second and third.

And finally there was a slightly strange memorial to Bernstein, his arrangement of Beethoven's C sharp minor String Quartet, Op 131. Such music was conceived with the intention that its protagonists should react with each other. Martyn Brabbins, wielding his baton efficiently more than inspirationally, did his best, but could not re-create artificially the interraction of individuals.

Perhaps it was that lack of inspiration which turned the London premiere of Casken's work, written for the Northern Sinfonia in 1992-93, into such a disappointment. This is plainly a complex, thoughtful and at times very beautiful, if conservative, score, and surely it should not have sounded quite as wooden. Or is there really something foursquare and unpliable in its rhythms and phrase structures?

Fortunately Thomas Randle was on hand to give the most pleasure of the evening, first in Lutoslawksi's darkly beautiful setting of Jean-François Chabrun's four tapestries and then, with the pianist Julian Rolton, in the four Purcell settings, all chosen with an eye on the fact that this was St Valentine's Day. He inspired Sinfonia 21 to their best form of the evening in the Lutoslawski.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Sisters in song

Felicity Lott/ Ann Murray
Barbican

THE Felicity Lott/Ann Murray partnership is popular in France, Germany, Austria and Italy, as well as this country, and about to take New York by storm. No wonder, as Graham Johnson engagingly put it, they didn't dare cancel their Barbican date, even though both were under the weather.

We were hardly short-changed by either singer's vocal indisposition, and in any case such holding back as there might have been was easily compensated by their stage act. For the last item of the first half, the Cat Duet (formerly attributed to Rossini), for instance, the whole repertoire of feline (read primadonna-ish) antics was deployed.

The first item after the interval was Brahms's rather more sedate treatment of the theme of sibling rivalry: *Die Schwestern* (The Sisters). In the song the sisters revel in their solidarity — until it is discovered they love the same man. So Lott and Murray cooed their hilariously complacent way through four stanzas before the revelation.

It was not all frivolity, however. Both Brahms and Mendelssohn penned some of their most exquisite melodies in the duet genre, and full justice was done equally to the former's sublime setting of Goethe's *Phänomen* and to a group of the latter's pieces, including the *Volkslied* (Burns) and Heine's *Abendlied*. Other beauties were Gounod's *D'un coeur qui t'aime* and Fauré's *Pleurs d'or*. Johnson's immaculate piano playing was a feature of the whole recital.

For me the only blemish on the programme was the misguided inclusion of a Purcell group. Even in Britten's anachronistic settings, there is surely something wrong when Purcell's *Lost is my quiet for ever* could pass for a duet from *Lakmé*.

BARRY MILLINGTON

THEATRE: A patchy quintet of new plays by women; and Ken Campbell at his anarchic best

Listen with mother

DONALD COOPER



Helen Baxendale performs Sara Sugarman's *An Epic Ouch!*, one of a quintet of new plays in *Bearing Fruit*

Bearing Fruit
Hampstead

This disappointing quintet derives from an idea that must have sounded good when it came up at creative confabs in NW3. Let's ask a load of female writers for sheaves "about alienation, about being a woman in England in the 1990s", the two concepts being synonymous, at least to opinion-makers in Swiss cottage.

That is what Jenny Topper, Hampstead's artistic director, decided to do, with results that clearly surprised her. There are no raging plays about women, no twittering among the five writers, no sardonic comedies about office discrimination. "Those who came through," Topper exclaims in the programme, "all had written about being a mother!"

It is a salutory reminder that many women have more important concerns than their fathers and irksome partners. It is also interesting that several plays show mothers abusing their progeny. They tend to be possessive, manipulative and pushy, for reasons these dramatists have little time or inclination to analyse. Even the straightest daughter spills her daughter's wedding day by telling her that dad had a transvestite.

The fiendish Nicola Redman plays her, dominating Lavia Murray's *Passing Off*, a piece that opens promisingly but, with the entry of a coat-and-skirt, tails away into incursory musings about gender. Mostly it is poor Victoria Wood who is doomed to embody maternal awfulness. In Meredith Oakes's *Mind the Gap* she is a twittering ninny taking her 14-year-old son to a shrink, and in *Coventry Carol* by Helen Edmundson she is one stage madder, a mother so determined her daughter will be Mary in the school nativity play she threatens mayhem and, maybe, commits murder.

Of these two plays, Edmundson's is the weightier, for it suggests that the woman in the case is the victim both of a dourly religiose upbringing and of male incomprehension. *Mind the Gap* leaves its audience no room for speculation, determined as it is to flog the notion that this shrill Wimbledon lady is more in need of a psychiatrist than the sullen youth.

I was internally imploring Oakes to stop long before the Tube in which her people were travelling reached Putney, but still she went on, caricaturing away. That was not the trouble with Sara Sugarman's brief *Epic Ouch!*, a selfconsciously poetic monologue in which a Welshwoman (Helen Baxendale) gives birth to a dead child, or with *Dark Afternoon Tea* by a Lebanese writer, Hanan Al-Shaykh. This involves a Beirut mother at sea in London, and shows talent for characterisation. But it, too, left me cold.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Nothing in life is beyond our Ken

Mystery Bruises
King's Head

Ken Campbell, formerly of Gants Hill and now freely roaming the multiverse, is a man unique, an asset and adornment to the nation. If he had grown up in Japan he would already be labelled a National Treasure: disciples would climb the 999 steps to his mountain retreat and come tumbling down again, shouting with laughter. Since this is Britain, the mountain comes to us, or at least to this pub theatre in Islington, where for the next three weeks audiences can accompany him on what he describes, boldly but accurately, as a journey to the edge of knowledge.

Campbell doesn't need Forster to murmur "Only connect" in his lug-hole. It is soon made abundantly clear that in Campbellian reality everything connects with everything else. Starting off with the unaccountable mystery of abandoned hub-caps, we are swiftly introduced to parallel universes — visually illustrated by the interaction of two canisters of exploding foam — and from there the journey is only a couple of stops away from St Dominic bouncing Bibles to refute the Cathars. By way of Halifax, Nova Scotia, we reach the Emperor Constantine, and so to the laughter of Jesus as recorded in a work we might doubt exists were it not held up in front of us, *The 2nd Treatise of the Great Seth*.

Next we reach something called pneumatic chemistry, and learn the disconcerting properties of the air loom, before somehow arriving at Watford Palace in the late 1960s, when it was run by Giles Havergal, and where Campbell's lunatic audition speech must surely have influenced Havergal to leave at once for the Glasgow Citizens'.

Mystery Bruises is the most recent of Campbell's quintet of solo shows and is fired, like the others, by his habit of "supposing". Open your mind, he is saying, clapping two hands on his gleaming cranium and breaking them apart, like a disintegrating pink butterfly. He himself seems open to every stray thought, and though their sequence may appear random he weaves them into an invigorating (and blissfully funny) panegyric on the mad marvels of sub-atomic physics.

This is where the show links up with his three-part television series, *Reality on the Rocks* (Sundays on Channel 4). Along with his foam canisters, a shopping trolley packed with curious books and a couple of hub-caps, his stage properties include a large colour photo of himself with Professor Stephen Hawking, backed by a flock of ruminating cows. The account of his interviews with Hawking and other toilers in the field of quantum mechanics is hilarious.

For close on two and a half hours Campbell's wit, enthusiasm and bushy eyebrows keep the theatre entranced. Long may the canister of his mind keep foaming.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

HAMLET Ralph Fiennes in Jonathan Kent's eagerly awaited Almeida production brings Shakespeare back to a marvellous Frank Matcham theatre. The cast includes Francesca Annis, James Laurenson, Peter Eyre, Paterson Joseph and Terence Rigby
Hackney Empire, Mare Street, E8 (0171-312 1995). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm, opens Feb 28

TIPPETT'S LAST "WORD". Sir Colin Davis and the London Symphony Orchestra premiere the composer's last orchestral work, *The Rose Lake*, this weekend. Inspired by an African lake which turns pink at sunset, Tippett describes the piece as "a Song without Words: the lake itself does the singing". Sunday's programme also includes more Tippett, Ravel and Debussy
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Sun, 7.30pm

LETTERS FROM THE YELLOW CHAIR Only London performances for Graham McTavish and Nick Pace as the brothers Van Gogh: a superbly crafted play about an extraordinary relationship between the painter and his patron and faithful friend
Watermans Arts Centre, High Street, Brentford (081-568 1176) Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Opens tonight until Mar 4

BRAHMS CYCLE: Christoph von Dohnanyi, the Philharmonia Orchestra's illustrious new Principal Guest Conductor, launches a cycle of Brahms's symphonies this weekend. Sunday's performance takes in No 2 in D and No 4 in E minor; next on Feb 27
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800) Sun, 7.30pm. In **Coventry** on Sat (Warwick Arts 01203 524524)

ELSEWHERE

DERBY. First night of previews for Russell Dixon in the title role of **Richard III**, a multi-media production by Mark Clements, using interactive video.
Playhouse, Eagle Centre (01332 363275). Previews begin tonight, 8pm; opens Feb 21. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mat Mar 4, 2.30pm.

CARDIFF: A busy weekend for the arts here. Owain Arwel Hughes conducts the **Hallé Orchestra** tonight for the BT Winter Prom and Ion Marin joins the **BBC National Orchestra of Wales** tomorrow for a lively programme that includes Poulenc's Organ Concerto. More music too from **Welsh National Opera** as it opens a new season with Mozart's *La Nozze di Figaro*. Carlo Rizzi conducts. And, finally, Cardiff Institute of Higher Education's second **Art in Time** festival continues — a platform for both students and established artists. **WNO**, New (0222 394844) Sat, 7.15pm. **Hallé** and **BBC NOW**, St David's Hall (371236): Tonight, 7.30pm and Sat, 8pm. **Art in Time**: Howard Gardens, Newport Road.

MANCHESTER: Sir Edward Downes conducts the **BBC Philharmonic** tomorrow for the last in the orchestra's international celebrity series. Hildegard Behrens and Poul Elming join in for an all-Wagner programme. On Sunday, the **Hallé** returns for a performance of Haydn's *The Creation*. John Currie conducts.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street (0161-834 1712). Both at 7.30pm

LIVERPOOL: Joe McGann stars in the premiere of Dennis Lumborg's latest, **One Fine Day**, a comic look at one dad's "stolen day" with his children and the results of plans gone awry.
Playhouse, Williamson Square (0151-709 8363). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Mar 11

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) . . **British Museum**: Byzantine Treasures from British Collections, Mexican Gallery (0171-636 1555) . . **Courtauld**: Frank Dobson: Sculpture 1915-1954 (071-873 2526) **Hayward**: Yves Klein (071-928 3144) . . **National Gallery**: The Age of Elegance (0171-839 3321) . . **Royal Academy**: Nicolas Poussin (0171-439 7438) . . **Serpentine**: Man Ray (0171-402 6075) . . . **Tate**: New Displays 1995 (0171-887 8000) . . **V & A**: Streetstyle, final week (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◩ **CELL MATES** Rik Mayall and Stephen Fry play Sean Bourke and George Blake, the very odd couple together in Wormwood Scrubs and Moscow. Simon Gray directs his own play
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

□ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE**: Nigel Hawthorne plays the dilapidated Lord Ogleby and directs a strong cast in this good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, snobbery and true love
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **DESIGN FOR LIVING** Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico join Rachel Weisz for the transfer of Sean Mathias's award-winning Donmar production of Coward's *menage à trois* comedy
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Feb 20

■ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI** Juliet Stevenson suffers, Simon Russell Beale writhes, in a production that isn't quite there yet but should improve before its projected West End transfer
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until Mar 25

□ **FULL MOON** Jon Strickland plays the hero of Caradog Prichard's powerful and haunting semi-autobiographical novel, set in the slate-mine districts of North Wales. Helena Kaut-Howson's Theatr Clwyd production
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm. Until Mar 4

□ **INDIAN INK**: Felicity Kendal, Margaret Tyzack and Art Malik in Tom Stoppard's new play, set in unknowable India in 1930 and a Shepperton bungalow today. Peter Wood directs.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Now previewing, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Opens Feb 27

□ **THE KNOCKY**: Return of Michael Wynne's acclaimed comedy, chronicling the calamities attendant upon a Merseyside grandmother's 70th birthday. Brian Stirner's production tours Eastern England in March.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 2554). Now previewing, 7.45pm. Opens Feb 21.

◩ **MAMA I WANT TO SING**. The longest-running Off-Broadway black musical, based on the life of the Harlem singer Doris Troy (who here plays her own mother). With Chaka Khan
Cambridge, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Tue and Sat, 3pm. Until Apr 8

◩ **NEW ENGLAND** Richard Nelson looks at the English abroad, behaving just as Americans say we do. Interesting ideas and good acting led by Angela Thorne, David Burke, Mick Ford
Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Tue, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm

□ **OUT OF A HOUSE WALKED A MAN**: Theatre de Complicite breathes life into the mysterious tales of Daniil Kharms. The best is the corpse (Kathryn Hunter) who won't agree to be buried
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm; Sat, 2.15 and 7.30pm.

◩ **THE PRESENT**: Nick Ward returns to the theatre with a play set in Australia at the time of John Lennon's murder, where Ewen Bremner's Danny falls foul of a con man, a beautiful sculptress and her predatory minder
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

◩ **ZORRO — THE MUSICAL**: The masked swashbuckler of comics legend returns to twirl his cape in Ken Hill's latest (and sadly last) musical romp
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (0181-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm; some mats in Mar

LONG RUNNERS

◩ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . . □ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) . . . □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . . □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (0171-494 5045) . . . ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) . . □ **On Approval**: Playhouse (0171-839 4401) . . . ◩ **A Passionate Woman**, Comedy (0171-369 1731). . . □ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . . ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**, Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . ■ **Three Tall Women**: Wyndhams, extended to Apr 22 (0171-369 1736) . . ◩ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ANDRE** Adventures of an orphaned seal. Well-packaged family film with Keith Carradine, Tina Majorino and a scene-stealing sea lion. Director, George Miller
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

BANDIT QUEEN Dynamic, controversial drama about India's legendary outlaw, a ground-breaking production by Shekhar Kapur
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520)

◆ **BLACK BEAUTY**: Unsatisfying, gloomy version of the children's classic, featuring Sean Bean and David Thewlis
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

CAMILLA Whimsical swansong for Jessica Tandy, an aged concert violinist who rejuvenates a younger woman (Bridget Fonda). Director, Deepa Mehta.
MGM Shaftesbury (0171-836 6279)

HOLY MATRIMONY: Sexpot joins an Anabaptist community. Queasy, unfunny comedy with Patricia Arquette. Director, Leonard Nimoy.
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **RUDYARD KIPLING'S THE JUNGLE BOOK**. Muddled live-action adventures of jungle boy Mowgli. With Jason Scott Lee, Lena Headey, Cary Elwes. Director, Stephen Sommers.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096)

Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION: How to survive long decades in prison. Frank Darabont's engrossing drama with Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman
Odeon Leicester Sq (01426 915683)

CURRENT

HEAVENLY CREATURES (18) Strange, fatal friendship of two New Zealand teenagers. Compelling, imaginative, true-life drama from director Peter Jackson
Gate (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366)

I LIKE IT LIKE THAT (15): Cheerful drama of Bronx family life from debuting director Darnell Martin.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18) Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ONLY YOU** (PG) Marisa Tomei chases the man of her dreams through Italy. Lazy blend of comedy, romance and travelogue, with Robert Downey Jr.
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE ROAD TO WELLVILLE** (18): Frolics and chicanery at a turn-of-the-century sanitarium. Overdone health food satire, with Anthony Hopkins.
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◆ **SHALLOW GRAVE** (18) Wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs.
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◆ **SOLITAIRE FOR 2** (15): Body-language lecturer pursues archaeologist with ESP. Awkward comedy from *Pig Farmer* co-director Gary Sinyor. With Mark Frankel and Amanda Pays
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◆ **STAR TREK: GENERATIONS** (PG). Talky but acceptable film debut for the stars of television's *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. Patrick Stewart meets William Shatner. David Carson directs.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Baker St** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332)

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Who, watts — and how

NEW ALBUMS: Even after 25 years, one of the greatest live albums of them all has David Sinclair shouting for more



The mighty Who — (from left) Roger Daltrey, Pete Townshend and Keith Moon — in their early-1970s p

THE WHO
Live At Leeds (Polydor 527 169)

THE WHO are usually remembered for their grandiose rock operas, but in truth their finest album was a rough and ready distillation of a concert recorded when they were just past their prime, at Leeds University on February 14, 1970. Although technically suspect on just about every front, the original *Live At Leeds*, released the same year, captured such barnstorming versions of *Young Man Blues*, *Substitute* and *Summertime Blues* that, whatever its failings, it easily outgunned all but a tiny handful of live albums released before or since.

This "25th anniversary" reissue finds the sound quality dramatically improved, and the original six tracks augmented by a further eight titles to make a playing time of 77 minutes — still nowhere near the entire length of the concert which incorporated the whole of *Tommy* (about 75 minutes) somewhere in the middle.

Combining crisp, three-minute versions of *I'm A Boy*, *I Can't Explain* and *Happy Jack* with unbridled, extended voyages around *My Generation*, *Magic Bus* and others, this new edition still sounds more exciting and immediate than any period piece has a right to.

JOHN LEE HOOKER
Chill Out
(Pointblank/Virgin VPB 22)

NOW 74 years old and with a deep, dark growl of a voice as rich as burnished oak, John Lee Hooker has proved to be a bluesman of unbelievable resilience. In a genre where authenticity is at a premium, there is no more genuine article.

Much of his recent success can be chalked up to the shrewd strategy of teaming him up with a host of contemporary stars on his comeback album, *The Healer* (1989), and its Top Three follow-up, *Mr Lucky* (1991). Indeed, those albums not only triggered a resurgence of interest in delta blues, but also started a fashion for celebrity duets that has yet to run its course.

But apart from repeat collaborations with Van Morrison on a raucous medley of *Serves Me Right To Suffer* and *Syndicator*, and with Carlos Santana on the title track, *Chill Out* is a return to the classic, bare-bones style that has always been the essence of Hooker's craft.

Half of the numbers are new Hooker compositions, and half feature nothing more elaborate than the man's voice, accompanied by one or two guitars and the insistent tap of his foot on the studio floor. The best of these — a reworking of *Tupelo* and a new song called *Woman On My Mind* — are both slow, stark narratives that delve deep into the muddy well of emotion that lies at the heart of the blues.

Although Hooker is the master of the one-take, ad-libbed vocal, there is a surplus of similarly slow, off-the-cuff vamps. But, unlike his most recent album, the disappointing *Boom Boom* (1992), *Chill Out* also boasts some splendidly focused ensemble performances, notably a bouyant arrangement of Brook Benton's 1960 hit, *Kiddio*, and a supremely swinging version of Hooker's evergreen bar-room shuffle *One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer*. Have mercy.

LEFTFIELD
Leftism
(Hard Hands/Columbia HAND2)

TRIP HOP, trance, techno, handbag, dub, ambient ... what does it all mean? For those who remember when the great bulk of contemporary music could be divided into rock, pop or soul, the increasingly tangled subdivisions which now apply to dance music alone must seem bafflingly obscure.

But not if you are Paul Daley and Neil Barnes, better known as Leftfield. Having enjoyed a brief spell of chart success in 1993 with their single *Open Up*, featuring the vocalese of John Lydon — a man who seems to have his sinuses where most people have a larynx — the London-based duo have since made a name for themselves as remixers and DJs with an uncanny ear for the myriad nuances of 1990s club music.

On *Leftism* they deploy electronically generated sounds and rhythms to create music which roams freely across spatial and cultural frontiers, while retaining its primary function as a soundtrack for the dancefloor.

Along with the Lydon track, vocals are supplied by a variety of contributors ranging from former Curve singer Toni Halliday (a glacial performance on *Original*) to Djum Djum, a man who applies jabbering blasts rican dialect to the techno pulse of *Left*.

The overall result, althouleasingly cosmopolitan and uingly chic, is also rootless, anonys and strangely cold to the touch. 'Is the modern world.

THE JAYHAWKS
Tomorrow The Green Grass
(American 74321 23680)

BUOYED up last time arouy talk of a country-rock revival was supposed to have been ering momentum circa 1992, the awks, like their ornithologicallylated labelmates the Black Crowezm to be even further out on a retnb in the fast-moving rock world o5.

That should not detract 1 the abundant charms of theurth album, *Tomorrow The Greirass*, which is another fine coln of songs, again produced beorge Drakoulias, that combine thuntry-fied raunch of Gram Parsonh the sort of high, keening harm: that would not disgrace an Everlythers record.

But although fans of the awks' previous effort, *Hollywood THall*, may look forward to more ofame, those hoping for a slightlyerent angle will need to go elsewh

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	The Colour Of My Life	Celine Dion (Epic)
2	Carry On Up The Charts — Best Of	Beautiful South (Go! Discs)
3	Crocodile Shoes	Jimmy Nail (East West)
4	Pan Pipe Moods	Free the Spirit (PolyGram TV)
5	Dummy	Portishead (Go! Discs)
6	Smart	Sleeper (Indolent)
7	Good News From The Next World	Simple Minds (Virgin)
8	Greatest Hits	Bob Seeger/Silver Bullet Band (Capitol)
9	Bizarre Fruit	M People (Deconstruction)
10	King	Belly (4AD)

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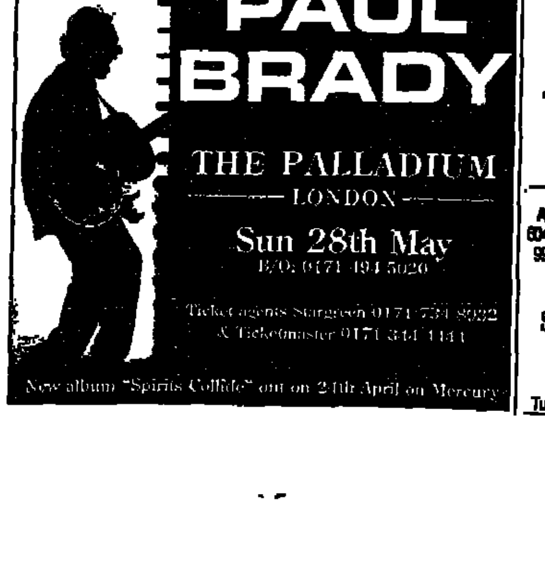
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Where were you in '62? John Mayall would like to know ... the etymology of teen hysteria ... King Eric's latest crusade

No fuel like an old fuel

When it comes to British blues, John Mayall wrote the book — or, at any rate, he is getting material for it. Paul Sexton reports

If you are among the millions to have been part of a John Mayall gig since he first trod the boards professionally, somewhere around 1962, then Britain's premier blues ambassador wants to hear from you.

With an attention to detail more normally associated with librarians than beat musicians, Mayall carries one of those bound folders full of loose-leaf pages. Ask him something about a credit on his new record and he will turn to the appropriate page. Fire off an inquiry about last year's European tour, and he'll go straight to the entry that tells him he played Dublin right before Cleveland. But ask him about how many gigs he has played in more than 30 years as this country's most respected bluesman, and he confesses to a flaw in the system.

"I've never been able to figure that," says the elegantly greying 61-year-old. "In 1979, my house burnt down and all my records went. But I have been trying to piece it together, with a view to a possible autobiography later on. I've made out these blank sheets of all these years, and from newspaper articles, adverts in the paper or whatever source, I've been able to narrow it down."

So if that was you in the front row at the Twisted Wheel club in Manchester when Mayall first became a local star with the Blues Syndicate, or if you still have that ticket stub from a Bluesbreakers gig at Klook's Kleek in Hampstead, then make yourself known.

Such meticulous documentation is typical of the disciplined passion that Mayall still injects into both his live and recorded work. His latest album, *Spinning Coin*, is a worthy successor to 1993's *Wake Up Call*, putting a fresh gloss on the conventional blues paintwork. For its part, *Wake Up Call* sold close to 250,000 copies, was nominated for a Grammy for Best Contemporary Blues Album and even notched up a week in the UK album chart, his first trip there since 1971.

With his trusty Hammond organ still in full working order, Mayall's singing voice has never been better. *Spinning Coin* also marks the recording initiation of a new Bluesbreaker, guitarist Buddy Whittington, who has the difficult task of assuming the mantle of Mayall protégé worn famously in the group's boom years by the likes of Eric Clapton, Peter Green and Mick Taylor.

> "All blues players think of each other as being part of a big family"

"Buddy had a band called the Sidemen in Dallas," Mayall says. "They opened up for us at a gig we did there two-and-a-half years ago, and I was very taken with him. I don't usually do this, but I grabbed his phone number. When Coco Montoya left the Bluesbreakers I called Buddy. He thought somebody was playing a game on him. He was driving his car and his drummer passed the word on. He said to Buddy over the phone, 'Are you driving?'. Buddy said: 'Yeah'. He said: 'Pull over. . .'"

Whittington passes the driving test on *Spinning Coin* with ease, twanging up a storm on Jim Lauderdale's *When The Devil Starts Crying* and adeptly changing down through the gears on David Grissom's *What Passes For Love*. The album's lyrical content, with five Mayall compositions, also knocks spots off the woke-up-this-morning brigade.

The journalistic cliché of the Bluesbreakers as some kind of rock academy only annoys Mayall, he says, when people overlook his own contribution to the group. But the 1960s cast a long shadow: during our conversation, he took a call from former Cream lyricist Pete Brown about Mayall's possible involvement in a tribute record for Green.

Nevertheless, he speaks generously of Clapton's subsequent achievements. Indeed, Mayall applauds the fact that "Slowhand" was able to take a body of traditional blues songs all the way to No 1 on his most recent album, *From The Cradle*.

"I got to see him in Los Angeles, and it was a great show. He's done those tunes close to the original, which doesn't leave that much room for Eric's individuality, and yet his stamp is all over it because he's unmistakable. Success like that really helps everybody. All blues players think of each other as being part of a big family, we're all working in the same cause to spread the cause of the blues. Anyone who reaches a high prominence, it rubs off.

"It's the same when Bonnie Raitt got all her Grammy awards; even though it wasn't a blues album that made it, she has a blues background and that drew people to John Lee Hooker and all the other people she admires and works with."

Mayall did not sign his first significant record deal until he was 30, but next month marks the thirtieth anniversary of the release of his first album, *John Mayall Plays John Mayall*, released during the British blues boom, although he did not sell many records until the summer of 1966, when *Blues Breakers* hit the Top Ten.

Mayall looks over his shoulder with some pleasure. "It's very nice to have that backlog of working with some of the great people, many of whom are not around anymore, and it's great to have been part of the history of British music.

"We were right there at the beginning of it all, which is something nobody who wasn't there could ever know about. It's been a very exciting life."

But he draws almost as much satisfaction from the fact that the band is breaking the blues in new places. For example, as his trusty folder confirms, last year saw the band visiting Tel Aviv for the first time. The demand to see them is unquenched: on consecutive nights, that date in Israel was preceded by appearances in Berlin and Helsinki and followed by shows in Italy, Sweden and Norway.

And, in what by its very structure can be the most repetitive of music forms, the Mayall of the blues species is still bubbling over with ideas. "To me it's a never-ending source of inspiration. Just go to your record collection. On a Leadbelly record I can maybe hear one thing, one particular line, take that one line and make a whole song out of it.

"It's all available. All you've got to do is take that as your source inspiration and turn it into a more contemporary format. It's easy to do as long as you're telling *your* story."

● *Spinning Coin is released by Silvertone on Monday. John Mayall and the Bluesbreakers play the Astoria, London (May 15); Sheffield Leadmill (May 16); Wolverhampton Civic Hall (May 17); Newcastle Riverside (May 18) and Glasgow King Tuts (May 19)*



Got them old brought my trusty guitar to play but can't find nowhere to plug it in blues, mama: still, at least John Mayall can't complain about any shortage of drums

We all scream for I scream

The Beatles! Bros! Take That! What do they have in common? The teenager's adoration of herself

TERRY MCGOUGH



Gimme an M. Gimme an E. Put them together and what have you got?

Pop music has one classic noise, one ultimate soundtrack that neither the Beatles, the Smiths, Abba nor Take That have anything to do with. It has no lyrics, but it kick-started several revolutions; it has no rhythm but dance-music has made millions from it; it's been on *Top of the Pops* but the cameras weren't focusing on it. It drove the Beatles mad, and to compete with it they started writing *Sgt Pepper*; it ruined Abba's marriages and was probably partly responsible for their heinous beards and blue eyeshadow; and it broke world records at the *Smash Hits* Poll Winner's party last December, when Take That stepped onstage.

If music crosses all boundaries, all nations, all cultures, then this is its Esperanto. It is the Scream.

It's the one thing teenage girls do really, really well. Speaking as a teenage girl — just — I feel perfectly justified in confessing that teenage girls are *rubbish* at putting on make-up; haven't the *foggiest* idea how to have a relationship; and are, in general, *completely in the dark* when it comes to the subtle nuances of Wittgenstein's philosophy.

But when it comes to screaming, all angles are covered. Whether it be the desperate, fluted, ululating whine that comes from the throat through the nose; or the great, dry whuddering *roar* reminiscent of American Big Trucks going into reverse — the desperate hoarse sob that rises into a screech at the sight of Robbie out of Take That; or the endless hysterical, hair-pulling, face-clawing explosion Paul McCartney's hair once inspired — teenage girls have the market cornered.

For years, pop commentators thought teenage girls screamed at pop stars because they were desperate to meet their heroes; they were in a sexual frenzy; they were worshipping their idols in the only way you can at Wembley Stadium with 79,999 other fans all howling at the top of their lungs. None of this is true. Teenage girls are screaming at *themselves*.

Walking among the audience at the *Smash Hits* party I was struck by how little the Take That fans (dressed in Take That T-shirts, waving Take That banners and screaming at Take That, *endlessly*) actually wanted to *meet* their heroes; let alone indulge in the offers that their banners proclaimed they were more than up for.

The fans' obsession with the band had very little to do with the music, or the hunks themselves. Rather, it was a convenient fixation-point that could be used to have something in common with their peer group. Conversations about the band are very rarely *about the band*. They are about the *fans*: how the band make *them* feel; how they get turned on when Howard does *this*; how they can relate to Gary dancing like a polar bear with its paw in a splint.

Pop stars are mere ciphers: the real object of worship for the screaming teenage girl is herself. With every hormonal squawk, teenage girls are celebrating themselves — the fact that they have their entire lives ahead of them; that they are still young enough to have wild crushes; that they are with friends and having the night of their lives and, perhaps, that they are luckier than their heroes.

They have no itinerary, no schedule. If they get a cold they can bunk off school for the day and comfort themselves with *This Morning* and endless mugs of soup. If one of Take That gets a cold, they will still, in all probability, have to strap on their bottom-revealing leather trousers at 9pm and gyrate for two hours, dribbly nose or not.

In the most wonderful way, pop stars are incidental to the act of teenage hysteria. They are merely a convenient side-show, a handy lightning conductor for an intense period of self-discovery by their fans.

The problems begin when pop stars don't acknowledge this fact, and believe that the fans will love the band whatever they do. Avant-garde jazz-fusion album? East 17 *Unplugged* session? All of Take That finding religion and growing beards?



CAITLIN MORAN

I could get an hour's worth of jokes out of all these eventualities but, for the fans, it would be a gross betrayal of the unspoken contract between pop band and devotee, which is: Thou shalt be there for *my* amusement.

As soon as pop songwriters start trying to "find themselves" or "become more experimental", they cease to reflect the lives of their fans, and therefore cease to sell records. However many millions East 17 earn, however many hundreds of thousands of people Take That play to every night, the person in the real position of power is the teenage fan in Row 47, screaming.

And in those screams there is, perhaps, a note a triumph.

CONCERTS: Clapton's serious case of the blues; Woodstock's safe Havens

Woke up this mourning

Eric Clapton
SECC, Glasgow



No Layla, no Wonderful Tonight, no I Shot The Sheriff as Eric Clapton shamelessly feeds his age-old blues habit

IF EVER a musician has reverted to type it is Eric Clapton. The man who 30 years ago quit The Yardbirds because their increasingly "commercial" approach went against his puritanical obsession with the blues, only to become a middle-of-the-road superstar himself, has returned to the original source of his inspiration. And how. At this curtain-raising event prior to the start of his 12-night residency at the Albert Hall on Sunday, Clapton gave us the blues, the whole blues and nothing but the blues.

Evidently buoyed up by the success of *From the Cradle*, the collection of old blues songs which last year became his first album to top the charts in both Britain and America, Clapton made absolutely no concessions in his choice of material. Anyone who had bought their £22 ticket in the hope of hearing *Wonderful Tonight* and *Sunshine Of Your Love* was in for a rude awakening.

The show followed a similar pattern to those of two years ago at the Albert Hall, starting with the musicians seated and armed with acoustic instruments only. Clapton set off on a brisk canter through *Motherless Child*, Robert Johnson's *From Four Till Late* and Leroy Carr's *How Long*. The sound thickened as he moved on to Homer Harris's *I'm Gonna Cut Your Head*, a jaunty, gutbucket stomp despite its forbidding lyric, and the mood gradually darkened as they set about the heavy grumbling groove of Howlin' Wolf's *Forty Four* and Muddy Water's *Standin' Round Crying*, which prompted a ferociously blueswailing harmonica solo from Jerry Portnoy.

Whether or not you accept Clapton's credentials as a blues singer — and, frankly, it does require a certain suspension of disbelief when hearing him tackle lyrics about getting a job in the steelyard and being unable to "keep decent clothes to wear" — he has a pleasing tone and an unfailingly soulful delivery.

But there is no room for doubt about his prowess as a guitarist, either emotionally or technically, and as the set built to an increasingly intense pitch he pulled out several solos which more than justified his status as the most distinguished instrumentalist in rock.

During the long, sorrowful finale of Otis Rush's *Double Trouble*, he twisted a succession of notes through impossible arcs; and his solo in Willie Dixon's *Groanin' The Blues* was beyond driven — a torrent of high, keening notes sustained with that massive left-hand vibrato he seems to apply so effortlessly.

The only broadly familiar songs he played were *Hoochie Coochie Man*, *I've Got My Mojo Working* and a version of *Crossroads* rearranged to sound like *Willie And The Handjive*. He played none of his own songs, let alone any hits, and the sheer concentration of such uncompromising material over a two-hour stretch proved too much for some people. While there were no calls for *Layla* there was a steady trickle towards the exits during the last few numbers.

Be that as it may, this was an undiluted recital of the music Clapton was born to play, and he did it brilliantly. Perhaps he will lose a few fairweather fans, but that's a small price to pay for finding himself.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Reminders of Freedom

Richie Havens
Jazz Café, NW1

NOBODY, including Richie Havens, could remember when he last played in Britain. "But it's been a helluva long tour," he said, to impress upon us the fact that there had been no idling in the interim. "It started in December 1967 and it still hasn't come to an end."

And although — ironically perhaps — he has supplemented his income in recent years by doing voice-overs for commercials on American television, the spirit of those far-off days of peace, love and anti-materialism still linger convincingly about this heavily bearded, sage-like figure. Now 54, the man who opened the bill at the original Woodstock proved during this one-off London show to have made virtually no concessions to the various musical or political fashions that have evolved in the interim.

He still gravitates towards material — written, in the main, by others — that is either introspective, about relationships, or acutely sociological. And still he gains impact by underplaying its drama, proferring the songs in an intimate, almost conversational manner. And, of course, he continues to frame all he sings in the rich, percussive tones of his acoustic guitar, the unique open chords in their E tuning building inexorably towards crescendos of near-flamenco intensity.

And all the while he sits there, inscrutable and benign, whether dovetailing Van Morrison's *Tupelo Honey* into Dylan's *Just Like A Woman* or working his way gently through Sting's *They Dance Alone*.

With sympathetic accompaniment from the guitarist to his right and the keyboard player to his left, this was an evening of low-key pleasures. A Beatles original, *Here Comes The Sun*, proved safe territory: "it's the only happy song I know," he observed, before performing it in a version near-identical to that which provided him with his sole US Top 20 entry back in 1971.

The vintage Fleetwood Mac hit *Dreams* was gently reclaimed too, the modest delivery erasing memories of Stevie Nicks twirling endlessly through mystical clouds of dry ice. Such moments underlined what Havens remains best at: a kind of quiet thoughtfulness achieved by few more recent artists.

ALAN JACKSON

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[Speeches February 16]

Solicitors acting for a testator who negligently failed to carry out instructions in preparing a new will were liable in damages to the intended beneficiaries.

The House of Lords so held (Lord Mustill and Lord Keith dissenting) in dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Mr John Brynmor Jones, a legal executive, and his employers, Philip Baker King & Co, solicitors, from the Court of Appeal (Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Farquharson and Lord Justice Steyn) (*The Times* March 9, 1993; [1993] 3 WLR 730), which had reversed a decision of Mr Justice Turner and had held that the plaintiffs, Mrs Carol Brenda White and Mrs Pauline Elsie Heath, were entitled to recover damages from the defendants in negligence.

Mr Duncan Matheson, QC, Mr J. A. Jolowicz, QC and Ms Teresa Rosen-Peacocke for the solicitors; Mr John Mitting, QC, Mr James Quirke and Mr B. S. Markesinis for the intended beneficiaries.

LORD GOFF said that in *Ross v Caunters* ([1980] Ch 297) a will failed because, through the negligence of the testator's solicitors, it was not duly attested. Sir Robert Megarry, Vice-Chancellor, had held that the disappointed beneficiary under the ineffective will was entitled to recover damages from the solicitors in negligence.

In the present case, the testator's solicitors negligently delayed the preparation of a fresh will in place of a previous will which the testator had decided to revoke and the testator died before the new will was prepared.

The plaintiffs were the testator's two daughters who would have benefited under the fresh will but received nothing under the previous will which, by reason of the solicitors' delay, remained unrevoked.

It had been recognised on all hands that *Ross v Caunters* raised difficulties of a conceptual nature and that, as a result, it was not altogether easy to accommodate the decision within the ordinary principles of the law of obligations.

Those conceptual arguments had to be faced: they raised the question whether the claim properly fell within the law of contract or the law of tort.

The defendants had argued that the claim, if properly analysed, must necessarily have contractual features which could not ordinarily exist in the case of an ordinary tortious claim.

There was not only the fact that the claim was one for damages for pure economic loss but there was also the need for the defendant solicitor to be entitled to invoke, as against the disappointed beneficiary, any terms of the contract with his client which might limit or exclude liability; the fact that the damages claimed were for the loss of an expectation; and also the fact that the claim in the present case could be said to arise from a pure omission and as such would not, apart from special circumstances, give rise to a claim in tortious negligence.

Faced with points such as those the strict lawyer might well react by saying that the present claim could lie only in contract and was not, therefore, open to a disappointed beneficiary as against the testator's solicitor.

It should not be forgotten, however, that a solicitor who undertook to perform services for his client might be liable to his client for failure to exercise due care and skill in relation to the performance of those services not only in contract but also in negligence under the principle in *Hedley Byrne & Co Ltd v Heller & Partners Ltd* ([1964] AC 465) on the basis of assumption of responsibility.

Even so there was great difficulty in holding, on ordinary principles, that the solicitor had assumed any responsibility towards an intended beneficiary under a will which he had undertaken to prepare on behalf of his client.

Certainly, in the absence of special circumstances, there would have been no reliance by the intended beneficiary on the exercise by the solicitor of due care and skill: indeed the intended beneficiary might not even have been aware that the solicitor was engaged on such a task or that his position might be affected.

An ordinary action in tortious negligence on the lines proposed in *Ross v Caunters* was inappropriate because it did not meet any of the conceptual problems which had been raised.

Furthermore, the *Hedley Byrne* principle could not, in the absence of special circumstances, give rise on ordinary principles to an assumption of responsibility by the testator's solicitor towards an intended beneficiary.

Even so, it was open to the House to fashion a remedy to fill a lacuna in the law and so prevent an injustice which would otherwise occur on the facts of cases such as the present.

The nature of the transaction was such that if the solicitors were negligent and their negligence did not come to light until after the death of the testator there would be no remedy for the ensuing loss unless the intended beneficiary could claim.

The House should in cases such as these extend to the intended beneficiary a remedy under the *Hedley Byrne* principle by holding that the assumption of responsibility by the solicitor towards his client should be held in law to extend to the intended beneficiary who, as the solicitor could reasonably foresee, might, as a result of the solicitor's negligence, be deprived of his intended legacy in circumstances in which neither the testator nor his estate would have a remedy against the solicitor.

Such liability would not of course arise in cases in which the defect in the will came to light before the death of the testator and the testator either left the will as it was or otherwise continued to exclude the previously intended beneficiary from the relevant benefit.

With the benefit of experience during the 15 years in which *Ross v Caunters* had been regularly applied it could be said with confidence that a direct remedy by the intended beneficiary against the solicitor appeared to create no problems in practice.

Not only did that conclusion produce practical justice as far as all parties were concerned but it also had the following beneficial consequences:

1 There was no unacceptable circumvention of established principles of the law of contract.

2 No problem arose by reason of the loss being of a purely economic character.

3 Such assumption of responsibility would be subject to any term of the contract between the solicitor and testator which might exclude or restrict the solicitor's liability to the testator under the principle in *Hedley Byrne*, although such a term would be most unlikely to exist in practice.

4 Since the *Hedley Byrne* principle was founded upon an assumption of responsibility the solicitor might be liable for negligent omissions as well as negligent acts of commission.

5 Damages for loss of an expectation were not excluded in cases of negligence arising under the principle in *Hedley Byrne* simply because the cause of action was classified as tortious. Such damages might in principle be recoverable in cases of contractual negligence and there was, for present purposes, no relevant distinction that could be drawn between the two forms of action.

In the result all the conceptual problems faded innocuously away.

Finally, there was the objection that if liability was recognised it would be impossible to place any sensible limits to cases in which recovery was allowed.

There had to be boundaries to the availability of the remedy but they would have to be worked out in the future; as practical problems came to light before the courts.

LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON, concurring, said that the case did not fall within either of the two categories of special relationships so far recognised. There was no fiduciary duty owed by the solicitor to the intended beneficiary and the intended beneficiary would often be ignorant of that fact and could not, therefore, have relied upon the solicitor.

However, it was clear that the law in that area had not ossified.

The solicitor who accepted instructions to draw a will knew that the future economic welfare of the intended beneficiary was dependent upon his careful execution of the task.

Second, the solicitor, by accepting the instructions, had entered upon, and therefore assumed responsibility for the task of procuring the execution of a skilfully drawn will knowing that the beneficiary was wholly dependent upon his carefully carrying out his function.

That assumption of responsibility for the task was a feature of both the two categories of special relationship so far identified in the authorities. It was not to the point that the solicitor only entered on the task pursuant to a contract with a third party.

There were, therefore, present many of the features which in the other categories of special relationship had been treated as sufficient to create a special relationship to which the law attached a duty of care. The analogy was close.

Moreover, there were more general factors which indicated that it was fair, just and reasonable to impose liability on the solicitor.

Save in the case of those rash testators who made their own wills, the proper transmission of property from one generation to the next was dependent upon the due discharge by solicitors of their duties.

Although in any particular case it might not be possible to demonstrate that the intended beneficiary relied upon the solicitor, society as a whole did rely on solicitors to carry out their will making functions carefully.

It would be unacceptable if, because of some technical rules of law, the wishes and expectations of testators and beneficiaries generally could be defeated by the negligent actions of solicitors without there being any redress. It was only just that the intended beneficiary should be able to recover the benefits which he would otherwise have received.

Further, negligence in the preparation and execution of a will had certain unique features.

First, there could be no conflict of interest between the solicitor and his testator client and the intended beneficiary. There was therefore no objection to imposing on a solicitor a duty towards a third party there being no possible conflict of interest.

Second, in transactions *inter vivos* the transaction took immediate effect and the consequences of solicitors' negligence were immediately apparent. When discovered they could either be rectified by the parties or damages recovered by the client.

But in the case of a negligently drawn will the will had no effect until death. In the majority of cases the negligence would lie hidden until it took effect on the death of the testator, that was at the very point in time when normally the error would become incapable of remedy.

LORD NOLAN, concurring, said that the respondents were fortunate in having been able to establish that the final intentions of the testator were firm, clear and attainable.

The residuary legatees under the unrevoked will had been even more fortunate. They had received much more than the testator intended. That was a reflection of the fact that the remedy provided by the law produced a curious asymmetry.

If it gave effect to the testator's wishes it would result in a revised distribution of the estate. Instead, it effectively increased the size of the estate so that the family as a whole were better off because of the defendants' negligence.

Those considerations had caused his Lordship to wonder initially if a decision in favour of the plaintiffs would represent a departure from accepted principles of compensation.

However, they should not stand in the way of the simple justice of the plaintiffs' claim against the defendants. The plaintiffs were entitled to the only remedy which the law could offer notwithstanding the fortuitous aspects of the case and its unusual consequences.

The defendants were acting as family solicitors. In the particular circumstances of the case the degree of proximity to the plaintiffs could hardly have been closer. The first plaintiff had spoken to the first defendant about the revised wishes of the testator and the letter setting out those wishes had been written for the testator by the husband of the second plaintiff.

It would be absurd to suggest that they placed no reliance on the defendants to carry out the instructions given to them.

That was not to say that other potential legatees less intimately concerned with the carrying out of the testator's wishes would necessarily be deprived of a remedy. It simply pointed to the facts as being relevant to the pragmatic case-by-case approach which the law now adopted towards negligence claims.

LORD MUSTILL, dissenting, said that in *Hedley Byrne* all the members of the House envisaged, perhaps in slightly different ways, that the liability arose from the relationship in which the parties had chosen to place themselves. That element of mutuality was central to the decision.

In *Henderson v Merrett Syndicate Ltd* (*The Times* July 26, 1994; [1994] 3 WLR 761), once other theoretical difficulties had been overcome, the case fell squarely within the concept of the undertaking of legal responsibility for careful and diligent performance in the context of a mutual relationship which was the essence of the decision in *Hedley Byrne*.

Could the principles formulated and applied in those cases be sufficient in themselves to yield a duty of care owed to an intended beneficiary?

The proposition might be tested by reference to a will intended to be executed in favour of a charity. It often happened that the charity would not only have no knowledge of the testator's intention but would never even have heard of the testator or his solicitor.

In such a situation there was no trace of a special relationship such as was contemplated by *Hedley Byrne* and which actually existed in the two leading cases.

Hedley Byrne and *Henderson* together represented the only solid basis for an accretive process which could yield a recovery to disappointed beneficiaries.

Even though the elements of request and reliance conspicuous in those two cases were absent from the situation under review, it was no great step, so the argument ran, to build upon the crucial fact common to all cases that the defendant undertook the task in question and to treat *Hedley Byrne*, *Henderson* and the present as being fundamentally the same.

While acknowledging the attractions of the proposition, his Lordship was unable to accept it, for it was not an application of *Hedley Byrne* by enlargement but the enunciation of something quite different.

True it was that the solicitor undertook the task of drawing a will which would be for the advantage of the beneficiaries but he did not draw it for the beneficiaries, he drew it for the testator.

The absence of the cardinal feature in *Hedley Byrne* that the defendants undertook the job for the plaintiffs destroyed the possibility of using *Hedley Byrne* as a stepping stone towards the recognition of the cause of action sued upon.

A broad new type of claim might properly be met by a broad new type of rationalisation as happened in *Hedley Byrne* but rationalisation there had to be, and it did not conduce to the orderly development of the law or to the certainty which practical convenience demanded if duties were simply conjured up as a matter of positive law to answer the apparent justice of an individual case.

The present case did not concern a unique and limited situation where a remedy might be granted on an ad hoc basis without causing serious harm to the general structure of the law; for there was nothing sufficiently special about the calling of a solicitor to distinguish him from others in a much broader category.

If the claim in the present case was sound, for any reasons other than those given by the majority of their Lordships, it had to be sound in every instance of the general situation where A promised B for reward to perform a service for B in circumstances where it was foreseeable that performance of the service with care would cause C to receive a benefit and that failure to perform it might cause C not to receive that benefit.

To hold that a duty existed, even prima facie, in such a situation would be to go far beyond anything so far contemplated by the law of negligence.

His Lordship's purpose was not to conjure up the spectre of opening the floodgates. It was simply that he could not discern a principled reasoning which could lead to the recognition of such an extensive new area of potential liability.

That was not, however, necessarily the end of the appeal for it might be said to have special features. The solicitor, the testator and the intended beneficiaries were not strangers.

The testator had convened a meeting at which he indicated his wish that the plaintiffs should benefit from his will and had asked the first plaintiff to telephone the solicitor and tell him that the will should be changed.

His Lordship had been attracted by the possibility that a judgment in favour of the plaintiffs could be upheld on those particular facts on the ground that there existed a special relationship not very far distant from *Hedley Byrne* even if there was no general duty of care towards intended beneficiaries.

On reflection, that would be inappropriate. The case had been conducted throughout on the basis of a stark choice between a duty of general application or no duty at all and it could not be right to admit of an intermediate solution which had never been investigated on either the facts or the law.

LORD KEITH, also dissenting, said that he was unable to reconcile the allowance of the plaintiffs' claim with principle or to accept that to do so would represent an appropriate advance on the incremental basis from decided cases.

Solicitors: Walrons & Morse for Pinsent & Co, Birmingham; Gregory Rowcliffe & Milners for Rosenberg Layland & Rust, Birmingham.

GMC's foreign discrimination

Regina v General Medical Council, Ex parte Virik

Before Mr Justice Carnwath

[Judgment February 15]

The General Medical Council had been wrong in requiring what was a higher standard for entry to the full register of practitioners from doctors who had limited registration as persons with acceptable foreign qualifications than for domestically trained doctors.

Mr Justice Carnwath, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in refusing declaratory relief but upholding the application of Dr Balbir Singh Virik for certiorari to quash the decision of the General Medical Council of August 6, 1992 to refuse him full registration as a medical practitioner and the decision of the review board of the GMC of June 22, 1993 to uphold the refusal.

Dr Virik had qualified as a doctor in India and was granted limited registration for a prescribed period as a someone with acceptable foreign qualifications under section 22 of the Medical Act 1983 so that he could continue to practise in England only by obtaining a place on the GMC's full register.

The GMC told Dr Virik that they regarded the standard required for limited registration doctors to proceed to full registration as including qualifying as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons and in clarifying their reasons for dismissing his application they said that they had noted that Dr Virik had not held a substantive post of registrar grade in the United Kingdom. Those conditions were not required before domestically trained doctors could be registered.

Mr Robin Allen for Dr Virik; Mr Timothy Straker for the GMC.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said the GMC evidence showed that doctors normally obtained the FRCS qualification after about four and a half years, which was something Dr Virik had not achieved.

Dr Virik's evidence showed that it took a median time of four years for a doctor to become an FRCS but that that was the time taken for those attempting the exam. Many doctors never took the exam just as many never became registrar which was a highly coveted position.

His Lordship said it was one thing to say that obtaining FRCS, or equivalent qualification, within about four and a half years was a norm but another to say that it was reasonably obtainable. The absence of qualifications such as FRCS was not unacceptable for the purposes of registration.

The review board had treated the standard required by their guidelines as laying down a higher guideline than whether or not he was competent for full registration.

Accordingly, Dr Virik's challenge was made out on its main ground. It was not, however possible or desirable for the court to describe how the GMC should exercise its discretion and a declaration would not be made.

Solicitors: Picton Smeathmans, Hamel Hemstead; Field Fisher Waterhouse.

Length of useful life irrelevant

Sandhu and Another v Ladbroke Hotels Ltd

Before Mr Justice Robert Walker

[Judgment February 9]

In assessing the scope of a standard tenant's covenant to repair a motel, 21 years into a 99-year lease, the length of its current commercial life, although now discovered, by reason of bad construction, to be substantially less than what was predicted on the grant of the lease, was irrelevant.

Mr Justice Robert Walker so held in the Chancery Division, in dismissing an appeal brought with the leave of Mr Justice Lightman from part of an interim award signed by Mr R. D. Pickard, FRICS, as arbitrator, on a rent review under a 99-year lease of motel premises in Backford Cross, Cheshire, dated September 24, 1970. The appellant, the current tenant, and respondent to the arbitration, was Ladbroke Hotels Ltd and the respondent landlords, claimants in the arbitration, were Santokh Singh Sandhu and Harbhajan Singh.

Mr David Neuberger, QC, for the tenant; Mr Kirk Reynolds, QC, for the landlords.

MR JUSTICE ROBERT WALKER said that the repairing covenant was in a simple form, as was, typical of the period, the rent review clause, the first review date being June 24, 1991.

The preliminary issue under appeal was: which of the items in two reports of Brian Pyle Associates on the superstructure of the motel, if any, were the liability of the tenant under the lease, it being agreed that the premises should be valued on the assumption that those items, but no others should for the purposes of a rent review clause be treated as having been carried out.

That was plainly an issue of mixed fact and law, preliminary to the ultimate issue: what rent would be payable for the 21-year period from June 24, 1991. The arbitrator had expressed the view that the repairing covenant obliged the tenant to carry out the work in the first Pyle report rather than the more limited work in the second.

The motel was built of reinforced concrete. The frame of its four-storey tower had been exposed to the weather for some years during construction. Mr Pyle's evidence, accepted by the arbitrator, in support of his first report had been that although its estimated life, if properly constructed, would have been 60 years, the cover of the metal frame by concrete had been so woefully inadequate as now to require work estimated to cost £500,000.

The far less extensive repairs in the second report, based on a further lifespan of only 15 years, which Mr Pyle had been instructed to assume was its commercial life, would cost just over £60,000.

The main, "commercial life" point in the appeal emerged thus: was the arbitrator correct in accepting the landlords' submission that it was relevant to determine the life-span of the building as seen at the commencement of the term, as distinct from its now remaining commercial life?

A subsidiary, "predicted life", point had been whether the arbitrator had erred in law in finding it much more likely that, at the commencement of the lease, both parties were ignorant of the tower's defects and contemplated it would have a typical life-span.

Although Mr Neuberger, citing the judgments of Lord Justice Nicholls in *Holding and Management Ltd v Property Holding and Investment Trust plc* ([1990] 1 EGLR 65, 68H) and of Lord Justice Mustill in *McDougall v Easington District Council* ([1989] 1 EGLR 93, 95-96), had argued the main point in a skilful, moderate and engaging way, his Lordship found no support for his "commercial life" principle.

The fact that commercial premises had been designed and built for a specialised use which had become totally obsolete, for example, Mr George's shooting gallery and fencing school as described in *Bleak House*, would be a very strong reason for the court to decide, under the Leasehold Property (Repairs) Act 1938, that a tenant ought not to be held liable for substantial repairs to premises which would ere long have to be substantially reconstructed or demolished.

Mr Neuberger had rightly conceded that the effect of that Act was not to be taken into account in determining a notional state of repair for the purposes of the rent review and the concession killed the point.

Further, *Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe v McOscar* ([1924] Ch 716) firmly established that the standard of repair required by a repairing covenant had to be determined by the parties' expectations at the time the lease was granted. To rely on a diminished expectation of commercial life occurring in the course of the term ran counter to that general proposition.

As to the "predicted life" point, it seemed to be unreal to argue that, had the original parties known the facts in 1970, they would have contemplated rapid deterioration of the motel, with the tenant's obligation limited to patching-up to a low standard.

It was surely far more likely that the lease would not have been granted at all, or not on the same terms. And in any event, what the arbitrator had said was well in line with the authorities down to and including the decision of Mr Justice Lindsay in *Credit Suisse v Beegas Nominees* ([1994] 4 All ER 803, 818, 822-3).

Finally, his Lordship could not accept Mr Neuberger's submission that it was absurd for a repairing covenant to be the more stringent, the worse the premises had initially been built. That might be hard or even, if the landlord had himself built them, unfair.

That might impel a prospective tenant to get detailed advice from surveyors before committing himself, or the court might assist, either by construing the landlord's obligations as in *Smedley v Chumley and Hawke Ltd* ([1981] 44 P & CR 50) or by recognising that the tenant had some collateral claim to a remedy.

Solicitors: Titmuss Sainer Dechert; Watson Burton, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Balancing need to protect public

Regina v Cini

Even where, under section 2(2)(b) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, a sentencing court might impose a longer sentence than that fixed by law for a violent offence, in order to protect the public from serious harm, it was still necessary for the sentence to bear a relationship with the gravity of the offence itself.

The court always had to balance the need to protect the public with the totality of the sentence imposed, which should not be out of all proportion to the offending.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Evans, Mr Justice Morland and Mr Justice Gage) so held on January 30 when allowing an appeal by Stephen Cini against a total sentence of six years imprisonment imposed on him by Judge Forrester on May 3, 1994 at Kingston upon Thames Crown Court, following pleas of guilty to offences of unlawful wounding, assault occasioning actual bodily harm and common assault. The total sentence was reduced to four years.

MR JUSTICE GAGE said that, although serious, those offences were not the most serious of their kind, and in this instance the sentence was manifestly excessive.

In view of the appellant's pleas and all the circumstances the total sentence could be reduced.

Verdict of justices inappropriate

Regina v Bradford Magistrates Court, Ex parte Lockley

Where justices on returning the verdict in a trial announced that they were satisfied that there was no case to answer, justice had not been seen to have been done and the subsequent verdicts would be quashed.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Waterhouse) so held on February 1 when allowing an application for judicial review by Roy Harry Lockley of the decision on July 1, 1993 of Bradford Justices convicting him on a charge of resisting arrest contrary to section 51(3) of the Police Act 1964. The justices had found him not guilty of a further charge under section 4 of the Public Order Act 1986.

The case was brought as there was concern that the justices had not correctly appreciated that the burden of proof in the trial had been that of beyond reasonable doubt as compared with that of a prima facie case in considering whether or not there was a case to answer.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that justice had not been seen to be done as the justices had had one function and that was to decide whether or not the offences were proven not whether or not there was a case to answer.

Rape blackmail threat excuse

DPP v Enston

Where a woman blackmailed a man into driving when over the alcohol limit by threatening to cry rape, that could amount to an emergency which justices could consider when finding special reasons not to disqualify him from driving.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Dyson) so stated on February 9 when dismissing an appeal by the prosecution by way of case stated against the decision of Llandudno Justices on July 5, 1994 not to disqualify Herbert Enston, who had pleaded guilty to driving with excess alcohol contrary to section 5(1)(a) Road Traffic 1988 Act.

He was fined but not disqualified because the justices found that there were special reasons.

Mr Enston had driven with the woman from his home to a cashpoint to withdraw cash after she had threatened to report him for rape and had refused to go by taxi. He was stopped by the police on his return journey but did not tell them of the threats as he was still terrified.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that it could not be argued, because it was not sensible, that a personal crisis could not be a special reason.

On the finding of facts by the justices, that Mr Enston was terrified by the allegation and became very traumatised, there was a private crisis.

His Lordship was not able to say that a situation in which a woman blackmailed a man by threatening to cry rape could not in law amount to an emergency.

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Ida Haendel: London performances

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A child prodigy from Poland who first played the violin when she was three, Haendel had her British debut at Queen's Hall under Sir Henry Wood in 1937.

A full list of concerts in London was printed on February 7 and a list of regional concerts was printed on Tuesday. To book your 20p tickets, collect six tokens from *The Times* and telephone the number given in the listing. When you buy one ticket at the full price you will receive a second for 20p.



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In the matter of THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention to declare a first dividend to unsecured non-preferential creditors of the above-named company no later than 30 April 1995. Creditors who have not yet done so are required, on or before 31 March 1995, to send their proofs of debt to the undersigned M J London and F Bin of Campers & Lightman, 26 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7PL, the joint liquidators of the company and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary or other evidence as may appear to the liquidators to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved his debt by the date specified will be excluded from the dividend. Signed: M J London Joint Liquidator. Date: 8 February 1995. NOTE: The dividend is expected to be in the region of 0.5p.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 6.124(1)
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
TERRY GILBERT
Bury St. Edmunds County Court No 88 of 1994
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Melvyn Laurence Rose of Messrs Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS, was appointed Trustee of Terry Gilbert on 23 January 1995. Any Creditor who wishes to prove a claim in the bankruptcy is required to send me notice of their claim in writing to the above address, to arrive no later than 5 April 1995, else their claim will be excluded from any dividend which may be declared in the Estate. Dated this 10 day of February 1995. MELVYN L.ROSE TRUSTEE

Notice to creditors to send in particulars of debts or claims.
Company Number 2617911. Name of company: Sheila Jones Limited. In voluntary liquidation. NOTICE is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company are required on or before the 31 day of March 1995 to send in their names and addresses, with particulars of their Debts or Claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned E Klempka of Cork Gully, Albion Court 5 Albion Place, Leeds, LS1 6JP, the Liquidator(s) of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator(s), are by their Solicitors or personally to come in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated 7 February 1995. Signed: E Klempka. To ALL KNOWN CREDITORS

In the High Court of Justice No. 00652 of 1995 Chancery Division In the Matter of SIDLAW GROUP PLC and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 3rd day of February 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the share premium account of the above named Company. AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Court of Justice, Strand, London, WC2 on Wednesday the 1st day of March 1995. Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the share premium account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same. Dated the 14th February 1995. LINKLATERS & PAINES (RPA), Barrington House, 59-67 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7JA, Tel: 071 606 7080

In the Matter of Qual Technology Plc
And in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986.
In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, J A G Alexander of Pannell Kerr Forster, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden London EC1N 8JA, give notice that on 3 February 1995 I was appointed Liquidator of Qual Technology Plc by resolutions of members and creditors. Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 10 May 1995 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned J A G Alexander of New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution. Dated 8 February 1995. J A G Alexander Liquidator

Notice of appointment of liquidator (Creditors') voluntary winding up Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number 2617911. Name of company: Sheila Jones Limited. Nature of business: Public House. Type of liquidation (Creditors'). Address of registered office: Cork Gully, Albion Court, 5 Albion Place, LEEDS, LS1 6JP. Liquidator(s) name(s) and address(es): D J Waterhouse and E Klempka, Cork Gully, Albion Court, 5 Albion Place, Leeds, LS1 6JP. Office holder number(s): 5732 and 5791. Date of appointment: 30 January 1995. By whom appointed: Members and creditors. Signed: D J Waterhouse and E Klempka (Liquidator(s)). Date: 7-2-95.

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Appeal to VAT tribunal from commissioners' discretion

John Dee Ltd v Commissioners of Customs and Excise

Before Mr Justice Turner

[Judgment February 3]

The jurisdiction of a value-added tax tribunal on an appeal under section 40(1)(n) of the Value Added Tax Act 1983 from a discretionary decision of commissioners was not supervisory but appellate. A hearing before the tribunal was in the nature of an appeal simpliciter and did not give a right to a rehearing.

Once a tribunal was satisfied that an original decision was *erroneous* it should allow the appeal and leave the commissioners to make a fresh decision on the facts as they were at the time of that fresh decision.

Mr Justice Turner so stated in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by John Dee Ltd from a decision of the VAT tribunal released on October 11, 1993. The tribunal had dismissed an appeal against a notice dated January 10, 1992 by which the commissioners had required John Dee Ltd to provide security under the provisions of paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 7 to the 1983 Act.

Mr Robert Englehart, QC and Mr Adam Lewis for John Dee Ltd: Mr Peter Mantle for the commissioners.

MR JUSTICE TURNER said that although the chairman of the tribunal was correct to find that the commissioners had misdirected themselves in law by failing to seek financial information where the position relating to the requirement for security was unclear, he nevertheless went on to uphold the decision because he considered that he was entitled to, and did decide whether the original decision would have been affected if those matters not taken into account had been considered.

Mr Englehart contended that the chairman of the tribunal misconceived the nature of his jurisdiction: purported to apply to an appeal to a VAT tribunal a principle that was applicable to judicial review in public law rather than to an appeal under the provisions of the 1983 Act; that even if such a principle were applicable he misapplied it: that he failed to have regard to evidence of facts material to the decision which he had to make and which had occurred subsequent to the date of the admittedly flawed decision.

That argument raised two principal issues of law.

First, what was the true nature of the jurisdiction of the VAT tribunal on an appeal from a discretionary decision of the commissioners?

Second, given that the commissioners had wrongly exercised their initial discretion, should the VAT tribunal then (a) allow the appeal against the commissioners' initial decision and leave it to them to make a fresh decision on the basis of such facts as they ought properly to have considered or consider at the time of the fresh decision; or (b) itself come to a decision in the light of the current evidence; or (c) put itself in the position of the commissioners, in the light of the evidence as it existed at the time of the decision which they had taken and substitute its decision for that of the commissioners.

On the first issue, it was clear that neither in the body of the Act, nor in Schedule 8 nor in the Value Added Tax Tribunals Rules (SI 1986 No 590) was the nature of the decision at which the tribunal was to arrive expressly defined.

The view expressed by the chairman in the present case was that the jurisdiction of the tribunal was supervisory rather than appellate: see *Mr Wishmore Ltd v Commissioners of Customs and Excise* ([1988] STC 723).

Mr Engelhart submitted that both that case and *Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Peachtree Enterprises Ltd* ([1994] STC 747) were not appropriate because they were based on an erroneous concession made by the commissioners.

He submitted that the court had to consider the true nature of an appeal to a VAT tribunal of which there were three possibilities: was the role of the tribunal supervisory to be exercised on *Wednesbury* principles of reasonableness ([1948] 1 KB 223); was it appellate simpliciter; or was it in the nature of an appeal by way of rehearing: see Order 59, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr Englehart contended that the first possibility was not appropriate, and if it were, it was not open to the tribunal on the facts of the present case, to substitute its own judgment for a discretion which the commissioners ought to have exercised in the first instance. It could not be said that if the commissioners had taken into account those matters they had wrongly excluded from consideration, the decision was bound to be the same. He submitted that an appeal on a proper construction of the 1986 Rules was an appeal by way of rehearing.

In his Lordship's judgment, an interpretation of the relevant rules which naturally suggested itself was that the nature of the process of pursuing an appeal to the tribunal was likely to involve an investigation of those very matters which the commissioners themselves would, or should have done before reaching their decision.

Conversely, if the nature of that process was supervisory, those parts of the rules which were plainly designed to further the gathering of evidence, factual investigation and submission would be otiose.

Simply as a matter of impression and given the exceptional nature of the power of the courts to review administrative decisions, it would be surprising if under the guise of creating a right of appeal, Parliament had in reality intended to extend that exceptional jurisdiction to confer upon a tribunal, like the VAT tribunal, the power to exercise such jurisdiction.

It was clear in both *Mr Wishmore Ltd* and *Peachtree Enterprises Ltd* that the nature of an appeal went by concession. In his Lordship's judgment, it was doubtful whether the concession was properly made.

The nature of a hearing before the tribunal was not only appropriate to a factual rehearing, but was inappropriate to a hearing in the nature of a supervisory review of an earlier decision.

The question therefore arose whether the process for which provision was made in section 40 was an appeal simpliciter or did indeed give a right to a rehearing.

Since the disputed decision of the commissioners was not required to be one which set out the facts found, let alone taken into consideration, nor yet was it one that had to justify or explain itself, the argument that the proceedings before the tribunal were in the nature of an appeal and not one of review became, in his Lordship's judgment overwhelming.

If all the tribunal was able to do was to review the decision on a point of law, one would have expected section 40 to have said so.

On the second issue, his Lordship observed that the chairman had asked himself what decision a reasonable body of commissioners might have taken had they considered the financial material available on January 10, 1992. He relied on *R v Secretary of State for Social Services, Ex parte Wellcome Foundation* ([1987] 1 WLR 1166, 1175).

That case had shown that the decision, although flawed, could be demonstrated to have been correct in the result. Such a situation was not to be found in the present case, where the chairman in effect second guessed what decision the commissioners would have reached had they taken into account those matters which they ought, but did not. The chairman was therefore wrong to have substituted his own view.

The remaining issue was whether the right of appeal conferred by section 40 was an appeal strictly so called or an appeal by way of rehearing.

Section 40(1) did not make the same kind of provision found in section 15(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981. The proper construction of the 1983 Act did not readily require that the VAT tribunal was vested with those powers which were expressly conferred on the Court of Appeal under section 15 of the 1981 Act.

There was the further argument that the commissioners were the body in whom was vested the original discretion whether or not, and if so in what amount, to require a deposit from the taxpayer for the protection of the revenue.

The VAT tribunal could not be expected to be invested with the same knowledge and experience as the commissioners for the purpose of substituting its own exercise of discretion in place of the discretion which ought to have been exercised by the commissioners in order to settle, or otherwise determine, what the amount of any assessment or deposit should be.

In his Lordship's judgment, therefore, once the chairman had been satisfied that the commissioners' original decision had been erroneous because of the failure to take into account relevant matter, he should simply have allowed the appellant's appeal, thereafter leaving the commissioners free to take a fresh decision if they thought fit on the facts as they had become at the date of that fresh decision.

That was consistent with the approach of Lord Simon of Glaisdale in *Corbitt's* case. It followed that the formulation in issue 2(a) was correct. For all those reasons the appeal would be allowed.

Solicitors: Dickinson Dees, Newcastle: Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Value of house for income support

Chief Adjudication Officer and Another v Palfrey
Same v Dowell
Same v McDonnell
Same v Pelter
Same v McNamara

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Sir Ralph *Gibson*

[Judgment February 8]

For the purposes of calculating the capital of a claimant for income support, the provisions of the Income Support (General) Regulations (SI 1987 No 1967) required:
(i) by regulation 52 a claimant's interest in a house of which he had a beneficial joint tenancy be valued by taking account of the current market value of his interest and not of his share of the value of the whole beneficial interest, and
(ii) by regulation 46 no account would be taken of any property owned by the claimant but which was subject to a tenancy in favour of another.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing appeals by the Chief Adjudication Officer and the Secretary of State for Social Security from decisions of social security commissioners on claims brought by Clifford Palfrey, Doris Dowell, Barbara McDonnell, Paul Pelter and Mary McNamara.

Regulation 52 of the 1987 Regulations provides:

"Where a claimant and one or more persons are beneficially entitled in possession to any capital asset they shall be treated as if each of them were entitled in possession to the whole beneficial interest therein in an equal share . . . for the purposes of calculating the amount of capital which the claimant is treated as possessing. . ."

Regulation 46(2) of and Schedule 10 to the regulations provide: "There shall be disregarded from the calculation of a claimant's capital . . . [any reversionary interest]."

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr J. R. McManus for the Chief Adjudication Officer and the secretary of state; Mr John Howell, QC and Ms Natalie Lieven for Mrs McDonnell; Mr John M. Burton for Mr Pelter; Mr Richard Drabble as *amicus curiae*; the other respondents did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that income support was a means tested benefit introduced by the Social Security Act 1986. To obtain the benefit a claimant must either have no income or income which does not exceed "the applicable amount".

Further a claimant was not entitled to the benefit if his capital, calculated in accordance with the regulations, exceeded a prescribed limit, at present £8,000. Each case was concerned with whether the claimant's capital exceeded that limit.

The questions that arose were questions of law. Taking Mr Palfrey's case as an example, he and his daughter acquired as beneficial joint tenants, a house which had been the family home since the early 1950s.

In 1991 Mr Palfrey went into residential care. Before that he had been in receipt of income support, his interest in the house being left out of account in the calculation of his capital.

But once he ceased to occupy the house his interest came into the reckoning. Mr Palfrey accepted that that was so but there was a fundamental difference of opinion as to how the calculation should be made.

For the chief adjudication officer, it was submitted that the whole beneficial interest in the asset had to be valued and then divided into the same number of equal shares as there were persons entitled to the beneficial interest in possession, the claimant being debited with his share of that value. On that basis, Mr Palfrey was to be debited with capital of some £16,000.

Mr Palfrey's case was that what had to be brought into account was a claimant's interest in the asset which, pursuant to regulation 49(a) had to be valued at its current market value; in Mr Palfrey's case virtually nil.

The effect of the regulation on Mr Palfrey was to treat his interest in the house as a beneficial interest in a half share. But to find out how that interest was to be brought into account examination of the crucial words of the regulation was required: ". . . they shall be treated as if each of them were entitled in possession to the whole beneficial interest therein in an equal share".

Thus the persons beneficially entitled in possession were to be treated as if each of them were (a) entitled in possession to the whole beneficial interest in the property (b) in an equal share.

What was the effect of that provision? The only entitlement known to the law where (a) and (b) could coexist was a tenancy in common in equal shares, each tenant, while the property was undivided, being entitled to the whole in common with the other and, on its division to an equal share.

Thus what regulation 52 required to be brought into account was a claimant's deemed or actual beneficial interest in an equal share and, by virtue of regulation 49(a), that was to be valued at its current market value. The probable result in Mr Palfrey's case was a nil valuation.

The second question arose only in the cases of Mrs McDonnell and Mr Pelter, each of whom was the owner of a property subject to a tenancy in favour of another. They contended, and the commissioners who decided their cases held, that their respective interests in the tenanted properties were reversionary interests and had to be disregarded because of regulation 46(2) and paragraph 5 of Schedule 10.

On October 18, 1985, Mr Commissioner Edwards-Jones, QC, held in Decision R(SB) 3/86, that a "reversionary interest" was "something which does not afford any present enjoyment but carries a vested or contingent right to enjoyment in the future", a concept which he held did not include a reversionary interest in tenanted property. That decision had been consistently followed by social security commissioners in England.

However, in the instant cases the commissioners rejected the chief adjudication officer's submission based on the decision in R(SB) 3/86. They found no grounds for attributing a special or restricted meaning to the expression "reversionary interest" and they had no doubt that a freehold let to tenants was a reversion in the common and legal sense of the word.

The commissioners were right. The words were clear. The second question, like the first should be decided in favour of the claimants.

Lord Justice Hobhouse and Sir Ralph Gibson gave concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Department of Social Security; Sinclair Taylor & Martin, North Kensington; Maurice Hackenbroch & Co, Westminster; Treasury Solicitor.

Restraint will rarely be justified

In re Applied Database Ltd

Before Mr Justice Lightman

[Judgment January 23]

When exercising its discretion under rule 4.11(1) of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) to restrain advertisement of a petition for the compulsory winding-up of a company presented by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry the court would not prevent advertisement save in exceptional circumstances.

Where the petition was not an abuse of process, the fact that exceptional damage might be caused to the company by informing persons likely to have dealings with it of the fact of presentation would not, in a case where there had been no order made under section 127 of the Act validating such transactions in the event of a winding-up order being made, justify restraint.

Mr Justice Lightman so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when dismissing the application of Applied Database Ltd for an order that advertisement of the petition presented by the secretary of state on December 16, 1994 under section 124A of the Insolvency Act 1986, as inserted by section 60 of the Companies Act 1989, be dispensed with or restrained until after the hearing of the petition.

Mr Mark Arnold for the company: Mr Guy Newey for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the petition, presented on the just and equitable ground, alleged that the company's claims to be a market research company were bogus, that a scheme operated by it, allegedly for the purpose of establishing a database which might then be sold, whereby members of the public (a) became qualified on joining to win a bonus or prize, (b) were requested to provide certain information about themselves for the database and (c) were invited to procure the membership of others securing like information from them whereupon further bonuses or prizes might be won, was in fact a lottery, that the scheme was bound to fail and that the company was using misleading promotional material. The company claimed to have an arguable defence to the petition.

No order had been made under section 127 of the 1986 Act validating transactions after the date of the petition to cover the eventuality that the petition succeeded.

Rule 4.11 of the 1986 Rules gave the court a discretion to dispense with advertisement but plainly only in exceptional circumstances would it be exercised.

Advertisement served two purposes:
1 To enable creditors and interested parties to attend and put before the court material relevant to the decision whether or not to make a winding-up order and
2 To tell the public what they were entitled to know, namely that a petition had been presented so that they might be warned that any dealing with the company should take place with caution.

Thus advertisement would be restrained if the petition had not raised a serious issue and constituted an abuse of process or where restraint were necessary to enable the presentation of an administration petition.

There seemed to be little, if any, scope for a restraining order save in such exceptional circumstances.

The company's case was that public knowledge of the petition created the real danger that applications for membership of the scheme might decline or cease and, further, that members who had been such for less than 27 weeks might exercise their contractual right to return of their membership fees.

His Lordship saw no force, however, in such complaint: commercial honesty required that existing or prospective members be informed of the truth, namely that the future of the company was in doubt, the second purpose of advertisement, and, moreover, it being common ground that all members past and present were entitled to repayment of all membership fees if the scheme were held to be a lottery, the company would be insolvent, and, fulfilling the first mentioned purpose of advertisement, such members therefore might rank as creditors and should be entitled to be heard on the petition.

His Lordship therefore dismissed the application.

Solicitors: Joseph Hyde; Treasury Solicitor.

Fiancee became homeless intentionally

Regina v Barking and Dagenham London Borough Council, Ex parte Okuneye

Before Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC

[Judgment February 10]

A woman who had not established a household with her fiance and who left her home in Nigeria to live with him in the United Kingdom, had ceased to occupy available accommodation and was intentionally homeless for the purposes of section 60 of the Housing Act 1985.

Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in dismissing the application of Cynthia Awolesi Okuneye for certiorari to quash the decision of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham made on April 8, 1994 that she had become homeless intentionally.

Section 60 of the 1985 Act provides: "(1) A person becomes intentionally homeless if he deliberately does or fails to do anything in consequence of which he ceases to occupy accommodation which is available for his occupation and which it would have been reasonable for him to occupy."

Section 75 provides: " . . . accommodation shall be regarded as available for a person's occupation only if it is available for occupation both by him and by any other person who might reasonably be expected to reside with him."

Mr Declan O'Mahony for the council; Mr Robert Latham for the applicant.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in *R v Hillingdon Borough Council, Ex parte Islam* ([1983] 1 AC 688) the House of Lords had held that a man whose family members had lived in Bangladesh in accommodation that was not available to be shared with him had not made himself homeless by bringing them to the UK as they could reasonably be expected to reside with him as required by section 75 of the 1985 Act.

In the present case, the local authority was entitled to regard even those who were betrothed as single persons with singular patterns of life.

There was a different situation to the one in *Islam* where there was an established family unit of husband and wife and four children.

In the present case there was no evidence that the couple had established a household, there was no evidence that when they came to England they were trying to establish a family or that Mrs Okuneye, when she was his fiancee had depended on Mr Okuneye when she first came to England.

The authority's conclusion that it was unreasonable for the applicant to leave her home to satisfy her wish to live with her fiance immediately was not to be faulted. She deliberately left her last settled address in Nigeria with the inevitable consequence that she ceased to occupy accommodation which had been available to her.

Solicitors: Mr J. H. Welchman, Barking; Mullinger Banks, East Ham.

Parental responsibility consent required for change of name

Practice Direction (Child: Change of surname)

Where a person with parental responsibility for a child applied to change the surname of a child under the age of 18, the application had to be supported by the written consent of every other person with parental responsibility.

The Senior Master of the Queen's Bench Division so stated in a Practice Direction issued with the approval of the Master of the Rolls on December 20, 1994.

1(a) Where a person had by any order of the High Court, county court or family proceedings court been given parental responsibility for a child and applied to the central office, filing department, for the enrolment of a deed poll to change the surname (family name) of such child who was under the age of 18 years (unless in the case of a female, she was married below that age), the application had to be supported by the production of the consent in writing of every other person having parental responsibility.

(b) In the absence of such consent, the application would be adjourned generally unless and until leave was given to change the surname of such child in the proceedings in which the said order was made and such leave was produced to the central office.

2(a) Where an application was made to the central office, filing department, by a person who had not been given parental responsibility of the child by any order of the High Court, county court or family proceedings court for the enrolment of a deed poll to change the surname of such child who was under the age of 18 years (unless in the case of a female, she was married below that age), leave of the court to enrol such deed would be granted if the consent in writing of every person having parental responsibility was produced or if the person (or, if more than one, persons) having parental responsibility was dead or overseas or despite the exercise of reasonable diligence it had not been possible to find him or her for other good reason.

(b) In cases of doubt the senior master or, in his absence, the practice master would refer the matter to the Master of the Rolls.

(c) In the absence of any of the conditions specified above the senior master or the Master of the Rolls, as the case might be, could refer the matter to the Official Solicitor for investigation and report.

3 The directions were issued with the approval of the Master of the Rolls.

4 Practice Direction (Minor: Change of Surname) dated May 24, 1976 ([1977] 1 WLR 1065) was hereby revoked.

Allegations easy to make but difficult to refute

Regina v Maher

Where acrimonious matrimonial proceedings followed the separation of husband and wife, general allegations of sexual misconduct were easy to make but might be difficult to refute. If specific charges were brought it was vitally important that they should be fully proved. General allegations were not sufficient and particular care had to be taken to prevent general complaints made after separation from being regarded as corroboration of evidence subsequently given.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Evans, Mr Justice Morland and Mr Justice Gage) so stated on January 26 in allowing an appeal by Adrian Philip Maher against his conviction in March 1994 at Manchester Crown Court (Mr Justice Buxton and a jury) of assault occasioning actual bodily harm, rape and buggery, for which he was sentenced to a total of five years imprisonment.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that all the counts in the indictment arose out of allegations by the appellant's wife regarding the way the appellant treated her during the period when they were married or living together, apart from the count of assault occasioning actual bodily harm which took place about six weeks before they were married.

The appellant was acquitted of the counts where particular offences were charged but convicted of the four specimen counts. Their Lordships felt that, even if inconsistency was not made out, nevertheless the guilty verdicts were unsafe because it seemed they were based upon general allegations and general complaints rather than upon specific evidence that offences were committed on the particular occasions charged.

Video transcript in jury room

Regina v Coshall

A jury should not usually be permitted to take a transcript of the video evidence of a complainant with them when they retired to consider their verdict unless it was with the agreement of both defence and prosecution and the jury were reminded of other evidence and the status of the transcript.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Turner) so held on February 14 when allowing the appeal of Richard Edward Coshall against his conviction at Maidstone Crown Court (Judge Waley, QC and a jury) on September 29, 1994 for indecent assault.

LORD JUSTICE PILL said that the need for stringent safeguards when evidence was adduced in the form of a video tape existed equally upon the supply to the jury of the transcript of the tape.

There was a serious risk of disproportionate weight being attached to the complainant's evidence-in-chief, as against the rest of the evidence including the cross-examination of the complainant and the evidence of the defendant and his witnesses.

Where both defence and prosecution agreed, there could be no objection to supplying the jury with the transcript provided the jury were reminded of the other evidence and the status of the of the transcript in the context of the evidence as a whole. In the face of defence objections it would not generally be appropriate to supply the transcript to the jury.

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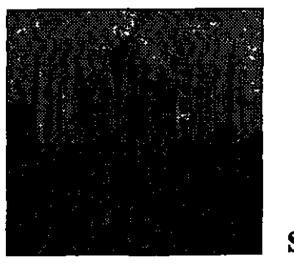
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FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN JOHANNESBURG

A FEW years ago, if you had dropped in at The Wanderers golf club on the northern rim of Johannesburg, your eye might have been caught by two men with full, flowing swings who hit the ball a long way in the thin, rarified air. One was Wayne Westner, who has been a member of Wanderers for some years and who would go on and win an event on the European Tour; the other, the one with the shock of fair hair, was Ernie Els, the US Open champion, who first played at this course as a ten-year-old amateur 15 years ago.

Local knowledge counts for something, clearly, because Westner leads the Lexington SA PGA by three strokes from Els. Westner went round in 62, eight under par, Els in 65.

The weather in Johannesburg has been exceptionally balmy for what is supposed to be the rainy season. No rain has fallen for nearly one month and, in fact, the introduction of water restrictions is being talked about. The course, though it is bounded by roads along which vehicles pass ceaselessly, is free of smog and industrial haze. Every day, seemingly, it is bathed in a thin, clear light reminiscent of southern Spain in May or June.

Conditions could scarcely be more suitable for long, accurate hitters such as Westner and Els, both of whom have the golfing tools necessary to wrestle this 7,000-yard course to its knees. Westner needed nothing longer than a four iron for his second shot to a par four and could reach each of the three par fives in two. So could Els.

"The par might be 70, but a more realistic figure today was 67," Westner, who won the 1993 Desert Classic, said. He had six birdies and an eagle and was out before the greens spiked up and became fast and treacherous and thus much more difficult. Both he and Els were among the early starters, teeing off at 7.50am and 8am respectively.

It is significant, in view of the way the quality of the greens changed during the day, that Van Phillips, Trevor Dodds and Alexander Cejka, who all had 66s, and Jay Townsend, who shot 67, were also among the early starters. Of the top 27 players who were on 69 or better, only six played in the second part of the day.

"It is very disappointing to find the greens like this," Els said. "This is one of the best weeks on the [South African] Tour, but, in the past three years, the golf course has not been very good. The greens used to be like billiard tables here, but now they are very patchy and hard."

Els drew a small gallery and one that was surprisingly quiet, but perhaps that was because the man who has won four events since the start of October gave them little to cheer about. His drives were enormous, bounding yards past Mark James and Hendrik Buhrmann.

Now and again, though, there was a certain bluntness about Els's approach shots. On the 2nd and 3rd, for instance, he was, by a long way, the nearest to the green from the tee and the furthest from the flag on the green. Some frustration was building up and, on one tee, he slammed his driver against the base of his bag.

On the 4th, after another huge drive, he holed from nine feet and the 5th was comfortably within range. Although his second finished in a bunker, Els was left with an easy shot of no more than 15 feet. Showing the deftness that is such a strong part of his game, he softly extricated his ball from the sand so that it came to rest no more than two feet from the hole.

Els flirted with one of those rules that can be tricky for one who plays on different tours around the world and thus under different rules. On his last hole, he wanted relief from an advertising hoarding that was in his line, which he would get in Europe. A different rule applies in this situation in events on the South African Tour, however, and, for a few moments, it was thought that Els had made the wrong decision and, heaven forbid, was in danger of being disqualified. Andy McFee, one of the European Tour's estimable referees, ruled that Els had acted correctly and the day was saved.

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Women set their sights on becoming top guns

David Powell finds rifle shooting is a sport that is a long way from having a Dirty Harry image



Pilgrim, the first woman to become Oxford rifle club captain, is keen to see women make a bigger impact. Photographs: Martin Beddall

Women in control is the new, unofficial motto of Oxford University Rifle Club. One more Annie Oakley and the entire team to face Cambridge University in the Varsity shooting match for the Lerman Cup at Kensington tomorrow would have been made up of women.

The motto is no embarrassment to Asif Chowdhury, the only man in Oxford's four. "I applaud it," he said. "As the token male, I sometimes feel that sense of being slightly outgunned, but I am all for a meritocratic approach to sport." Meritocracy has gone as far as the appointment of a woman as captain.

Rifle shooting has long been male-dominated but now Alexandra Pilgrim has become the university's first woman overall club captain. With her election came responsibility for team selection and her chosen sureshots for tomorrow include Lucy Summers and Tamsin O'Connell. If Cambridge are thinking in terms of a massacre, these are three determined and dedicated women they will have to defeat.

Summers is the Kenya Bisley women's champion, a title which she won at Stony Athi, east of Nairobi, after an invitation to shoot had been extended to Oxford by the Kenyan Army and police. Bisley, England, is the Mecca of shooting and, according to O'Connell, it shifts uneasily at the sight of women.

"Alex and I went to Bisley for the first time just under two years ago and it is the last corner of the Empire," O'Connell said. "There are red phone boxes outside, men in plus fours, and women are a novelty. I have been asked who I have come to watch and I have had to say: 'No one, I'm shooting'. But we are not three ladies who would be intimidated. It is up to you to turn the atmosphere to your advantage."

'Physical factors play less of role than mental discipline'

The Varsity match at Bisley is small bore and, at practice this week, their dedication was evident. The cricket school, where they set up targets three nights a week, is cold and unwelcoming and the small heater is as much use as one bullet against a regiment. However, psychology is everything and outside factors have to be blotted out.

Before practice begins, one member receives a ticking off for abusive language in the car park. His response is quiet acceptance, which is good for his shooting. "The sport is far from being Dirty Harry, it is more T'ai Chi, a combination of physical movement and mental relaxation," Chowdhury said. "It is precise and strict, requiring more psychological discipline than anything.

"The majority of people will be able, with an average level of skill, to start scoring in the 95 region [prone shooting], given enough practice. It is that small margin between 95 and the perfect ton where psychology comes in and it is all about breathing, having perfect concentration, a relaxed attitude, and knowing when to gently let off the shot."

Or, in the words of O'Connell: "Adrenalin is a bad thing. You can come down here in a filthy mood and, if you let it influence you, you will score badly."

The competition tomorrow is three-positional: prone, kneeling and standing. "Eighty is a good standing score, 90 is a good kneeling score," in O'Connell's estimation.

This will be the first time a team has been female dominated, but there are no reasons why, according to Oxford's four, they should not shoot as successfully as men. "None at all," Pilgrim said. "Physical factors play far less of a role than mental discipline and I do not see why women should not be able to compete on identical terms," Chowdhury said.

"On the Continent, where the sport is much bigger, women have been making more of an impact than in this country and I would be keen to see that change. I am very encouraged by the increasing role that women are playing in our club and hope this will transfer more to national level." Chowdhury may describe himself as "the token male" but the women will not hear of it. He is there on merit, they say.

Much will depend on Pilgrim. "This year I started off a bit shaky, the captain bringing up the rear, but I have been leading from the front for the last few weeks," she said. Eventing was her sport before she arrived at Oxford but, finding that she was sitting next to the women's captain at dinner on her first night, she was persuaded to try it. "I gave it a go and never looked back."

Chowdhury repeats his view that women need have no fear of male opposition: then adds: "The proof of the pudding will be in the match on Saturday because the Cambridge team will be entirely male." Pride and prejudice at stake.



The Oxford team, from the left: Pilgrim, Summers, Chowdhury and O'Connell

Revitalised N Zealand cruise to easy victory

NEW Zealand ended a 16-match losing streak with a comprehensive four-wicket victory over India in the second match of the one-day centenary tournament at McLean Park, Napier, yesterday. Chasing a target of 161 to win, New Zealand cruised home with 17 overs to spare.

The result means that New Zealand lead the table with Australia, who on Wednesday beat South Africa in Wellington. Australia and New Zealand will meet in their second-round match at Eden Park, Auckland, on Sunday, while South Africa and India play at Hamilton tomorrow.

The return from injury of Martin Crowe, Mark Greatbatch and Chris Cairns injected fresh enthusiasm into the New Zealand side. Ken Rutherford, the captain, began the day well by winning the toss and sending India in to bat.

India never recovered after losing both their openers, Ajay Jadeja and Sachin Tendulkar, with just 22 runs on the board. Only a partnership of 57 between Navjot Sidhu and Mohammad Azharuddin, the India captain, carried them towards a position of respectability. Sidhu went on to score 73 as Danny Morrison, the New Zealand pace bowler, finished with three wickets for 22 runs.

Opening the batting for New Zealand, Greatbatch started with a forthright 32, but it was the man-of-the match, Stephen Fleming, who starred with an unbeaten innings of 59. The middle-order batsmen, Shane Thomson and Adam Parore, caused some consternation in the New Zealand camp when they were each dismissed without scoring, but the result was otherwise rarely in doubt.

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Knight crowns fine tour

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ENGLAND A completed the Indian leg of their winter tour yesterday amid scenes of wild celebration in Hyderabad where they beat India A by 98 runs under floodlights in the Lalbahadur Stadium to take the one-day series 2-1 to add to their clean sweep of the international matches.

The win was more emphatic than England could possibly have anticipated, but India A were never in a position to challenge England's score of 254 for six from their 50 overs. They found it impossible to mount a recovery after an early collapse, initiated by Dominic Cork and Glen Chapple, and were dismissed for 156.

Nick Knight, Warwickshire's capture from Essex, was named man-of-the-match for his exhilarating and unbeaten innings of 114, scored from 146 deliveries.

He shared a second-wicket partnership of 118 in 88 minutes with Mark Ramprakash before the England vice-captain was dismissed for 57, scored from just 63 deliveries and including three sixes.

Knight, who faced 146 deliveries during 3½ hours at the crease, hit four huge sixes into the largely empty stands.

India, needing to score at 5.1 runs an over, made a terrible start, losing their captain, Vikram Rathore, Rajesh Puri and the highly-rated Amol Muzumdar to the England new-ball bowlers by the time 29 runs had been scored.

As Rahul Dravid, Rizwan Shamshad and Sameer Dighe tried desperately to accelerate, they were picked off by Paul Weekes, the Middlesex off spinner.

Knight, presented with a silver salver and £200, described his match-winning performance as the best one-day innings of his career.

"My plan was to bat through the 50 overs and it worked," he said. "This tour has been a huge batting experience for me. I've learned to bat in Indian conditions and I feel much more confident about playing quality spin as a result. I've also learned the importance of patience."

Phil Neale, the England team manager, praised a "very professional" performance and claimed the tour had been the most successful undertaken by an England A team. "I should think this is one of the best Indian tours by any England team," he said.

"The ease with which we won the deciding one-day international was all the more remarkable because the game was played on a two-paced pitch offering variable bounce. That's why I thought the partnership between Knight and Ramprakash was fantastic.

"We have been successful on this tour because we have played as a team, with great spirit and no selfishness."

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A

N V Knight not out	114
D L Hemp c Dravid b Waasan	25
M R Ramprakash b Mhambrey	57
*A P Wells c Rathore b Singh	2
J E R Gallian run out	0
P M Weekes c Shamshad b Singh	7
D G Cork b Wassan	23
†N J Pieper not out	15
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 6)	11
Total (8 wkts)	254

G Chapple, M M Patel and R D Stemp did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-164, 3-176, 4-177, 5-189, 6-226

BOWLING: Mhambrey 10-0-33-1; Waasan 10-2-34-2; Ankola 9-1-40-0; Singh 10-0-62-2; Chatterjee 10-0-65-0; Dravid 2-0-16-0

INDIA A

*V S Rathore c Gallian b Chapple	4
R Puri c Piper b Cork	2
A A Muzumdar c Hemp b Cork	8
R S Dravid b Stemp	14
R Shamshad c Chapple b Patel	26
†S S Dighe c Gallian b Patel	29
A S Waasan c Wells b Weekes	16
U Chatterjee run out	23
P L K Mhambrey c Wells b Weekes	9
S A Ankola not out	14
K Singh c Ramprakash b Weekes	5
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 2)	6
Total (46 overs)	156

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-7, 3-25, 4-48, 5-72, 6-88, 7-114, 8-137, 9-140

BOWLING: Chapple 10-4-20-1; Cork 8-1-23-2; Gallian 3-0-15-0; Stemp 7-1-20-1; Patel 9-0-36-2; Weekes 9-0-40-3

Pakistan bowlers restore balance

PAKISTAN'S cricketers, despite the bribery allegations which threaten to engulf them, gave a workmanlike performance on the second day of the third Test match against Zimbabwe in Harare yesterday.

At one stage they looked likely to gain a useful first-innings lead, but a plucky ninth-wicket partnership of 40 in nine overs between Paul Strang and David Brain helped Zimbabwe to recover to reach 243 before they were all out, 12 ahead.

The Zimbabwe captain, Andy Flower, who was the top-scorer with 37, would have been disappointed that none of his batsmen was able to play the commanding innings which would have allowed his side to seize control of a game which will decide the series.

After the early loss of Grant Flower, Stuart Carlisle dug in but managed only 22 runs in the morning session. By the time he was deceived by Aqib's slower ball, scooping a catch to Salim Malik at mid-off to be fourth out, he had batted 172 minutes for his 31, which included a solitary four.

Alistair Campbell (14) and Dave Houghton (19) made promising starts but were unable to capitalise. Campbell's patience ran out and he slashed a delivery from Nazir to Manzoor Elahi on the third-man boundary. Houghton was good enough to make contact with a perfectly-pitched away-swinger from Wasim Akram and was caught behind.

Andy Flower and Guy Whittall (34), both of whom stood back during a bowler's run-up in protest at late field changes, then added 50 for the fifth wicket, the highest partnership of the innings, before Flower also fell to a catch on the third-man boundary.

The persistent Aqib Javed, who took the last two wickets, finished with four for 64 from 25 overs. Today is the rest day.

PAKISTAN: First Innings 231 (Inzamam-ul-Haq 101, H H Streak 4 for 53)

ZIMBABWE: First Innings

G W Flower b Nazir	6
S Carlisle c Salim b Aqib	31
A D R Campbell c Manzoor b Nazir	14
D L Houghton c Rashid b Wasim	19
*†A Flower c Sohail b Manzoor	37
G J Whittall b Aqib	34
I P Butchart c Inzamam b Wasim	15
P A Strang c Sohail b Nazir	28
H H Streak lbw b Aqib	0
D H Brain not out	22
B Strang b Aqib	6
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 26)	31
Total	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-51, 3-79, 4-95, 5-145, 6-175, 7-193, 8-193, 9-233.

BOWLING: Wasim 28-2-90-2; Aqib 25-5-64-4; Nazir 13-3-50-3; Manzoor 10-3-26-1; Sohail 2-0-7-0.

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Leaders say harmony reigns despite bribery claims

BY SIMON WILDE

AUSTRALIAN and Pakistani cricket officials yesterday put a brave face on the controversy that has enveloped them in the past few days and offered assurances that their relations had not been jeopardised by accusations among players of attempted bribery.

Pakistan are scheduled to tour Australia late this year for three Test matches and several one-day internationals. Graham Halbish, the chief executive of the Australian Cricket Board (ACB), has been in communication with Javed Burki, chairman of the Board of Cricket Clubs of Pakistan (BCCP), and both appear confident the fixtures will be fulfilled.

"We have no reason to believe the tour will not succeed," Halbish said yesterday. "Javed Burki told us he believes the tour will succeed and relations with the BCCP have been cordial. He is well aware that we have no wish to disrupt the good relations between the two boards... he believes the ACB has acted responsibly in this matter."

If that is the case, Burki's position had shifted within 24 hours, because the previous day he expressed anger at the way the ACB had dealt with allegations its players are claimed to have made that they were offered money by Salim Malik, the Pakistan captain, to "throw" matches in Pakistan last year.

Burki was upset that the accusations emerged five months after the alleged incidents took place and then in Australian newspapers rather than through formal channels. John Reid, the International Cricket Council (ICC) match referee, has confirmed that he was not informed of any alleged wrong-doing.

The ACB has distanced itself from the newspaper allegations, saying it was not responsible for the leaks to the press.

Although Australian players have now been forbidden to speak about the issue, the *Sydney Morning Herald* yesterday reported that they were reluctant to inform their team management of the offered bribes for fear of physical reprisals from bookmakers.

Whether or not the peace holds between Australia and Pakistan, the potential for corruption among players and umpires of all nationalities has been demonstrated by recent events and needs to be examined promptly by the ICC, perhaps with the assistance of an extraordinary meeting.

Stewards penalise Wiltshire trainer £250 for double declaration

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Allo George, right, gives trainer Tony Newcombe his first Sandown success with a 20-1 surprise in the Fairmile Novices' Handicap Chase

Fine dampens Old's overdue winner

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

A NIGHTMARE losing run, stretching back nine months, ended in the most bizarre circumstances for Jim Old yesterday when he sent out the last-race winner at Sandown — after the horse cost him a £250 fine.

Old, whose Hackpen string in Wiltshire has been hit badly by the virus this season, incurred the financial penalty after declaring Black H'Penny to run at two meetings yesterday — although the second fixture at Taunton was subsequently abandoned because of the weather.

To make matters worse, the trainer would have avoided the fine if both of the races had been worth more than £4,000 but because the Cranmore Handicap Hurdle at Taunton had only £2,600-added prize-money, the Sandown stewards had no choice but to impose the set penalty, even though the race never took place.

"I will appeal and make it a *cause célèbre* because the rule is stupid, absolutely daft. I left Black H'Penny in at Taunton and Sandown because both meetings were in doubt. With complaints about small fields, we are trying to produce winners and this happens," he said as Black H'Penny made her way out on to the Sandown track for the Spring Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

The fine was hardly the best omen for Old but he had the last laugh as Black H'Penny plugged on gamely in the heaviest Sandown ground for years to catch Native Alliance, the 6-5 favourite.

As well-wishers congratulated Old, including one of the Sandown stewards who had earlier imposed the fine, he admitted: "I didn't think I would ever train another winner. We had to close down the stable for ten weeks due to the virus but all three of mine ran really well today."

Reflecting on the fine, he added: "The owners of Black H'Penny live near Taunton and would loved to have seen her run there but there was a doubt about the meeting. She was so well I could not afford to miss the Sandown race because I knew it would suit her perfectly."

Old's victory completed a rare double at Sandown for an hour earlier Richard Price, trainer of last year's Champion Hurdle winner, Flakey Dove, sent out his first winner of this campaign when Zealous Kitten also forged to the front within the shadow of the winning post to take the Wavendon Handicap Hurdle.

Price confirmed that Flakey Dove would not race again because of a tendon injury and she is set to go to stud. "I feel better for it. We have not had the best of seasons with little niggly things going wrong and it has been a tough time.

"I don't feel at all sad about her retirement. She's in one piece and there is only one other mare that has won the Champion Hurdle [Dawn Run] and look what happened to her. It is exciting thinking what the foals of a Champion Hurdle winner will be like," he added.

After winning all three races as a two-year-old, the impeccably bred Taos was briefly favourite for the 1993 Derby but he failed to build on his initial promise during his three-year-old career and finally ended up in Dubai.

Nigel Twiston-Davies bought the son of Sadler's Wells, along with Great Marquess, from Godolphin, Shaikh Mohammed's Dubai-based racing satellite, last spring and yesterday the potential jumping stallion opened his account over timber when winning the Village Novices' Hurdle by a distance. Along with Great Marquess, he is entered in both the novice hurdle races at Cheltenham.

The Jenny Pitman-trained Rouyan will be Cheltenham Festival "banker" material for many after winning the Londesborough Chase without coming off the bridle.

Always travelling and jumping smoothly, the nine-year-old is likely to go for either the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup or the Cathcart Challenge Cup and looks to have an outstanding chance.

Allo George sprang a 20-1 surprise in the Fairmile Novices' Handicap Chase to provide Barnstaple-based Tony Newcombe with his first course success. The winner, ridden by Andrew Thornton, denied Keano and Adrian Maguire by a neck.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MISTER ODDY
(2.00 Sandown Park)

Next best: Landed Gentry
(3.10 Sandown Park)

Chepstow prospects worsen

THE prospects of Chepstow *racing tomorrow have taken* a turn for the worse. Rodger Farrant, the clerk of the course, was in a pessimistic mood yesterday when he *reported that "prospects are* not good."

He said: "We could have raced yesterday despite an inch of rain having fallen *since Monday. But we had a* torrential downpour this morning with a quarter of an inch of rain falling.

He added: "The going is now heavy with water lying on some parts of the track. With a forecast of scattered showers, we will have to see *what happens overnight* before deciding whether or not to inspect."

The Welsh track has yet to race this year with its *previous three fixtures falling foul* of the weather.

Although Sandown was able to complete its meeting yesterday, heavy rain has put today's meeting in jeopardy and stewards will inspect the course at 7.00am. Fakenham, today's other turf meeting, is confident of going ahead.

Yesterday's meeting at Taunton was lost because of the wet weather.

Gowran Park in Ireland, *where Danoli is due to run* tomorrow, is the subject of an 8.30am inspection today to see whether the meeting can take place. Rain fell on the *course yesterday afternoon.*

Danoli was heavily supported for the Champion Hurdle yesterday, and Ladbrokes have clipped his odds from 5-1 to 4-1 after taking several bets, including one bet of £15,000 to £3,000.

Ladbrokes' latest betting: 7-2 Relkeel, 4-1 Danoli, Fortune And Fame, Large Action, 10-1 Mysilv, 12-1 Montelado, Atours, Vintage Crop.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
1.30 Major Summit
2.00 Mister Oddy
2.35 Flyer's Nap
3.10 Landed Gentry
3.45 Kadi
4.15 SECRET FOUR (nap)
4.50 Man Of Wisley

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: HEAVY (7AM INSPECTION) SIS

1.30 SANDOWN PARK NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,046: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

1 50313P GO BALLISTIC 8 (D,BF,S) (Mrs B Lockhart) J O'Shea 6-11-4 .... M A Fitzgerald 85
2 13 MAJOR SUMMIT 41 (D,G) (A Welles) J Gifford 6-11-4 .... P Hide 88
3 P CAPTAIN COE 13 (Heart of the South Racing) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-11-0 .... A Maguire —
4 1-4F3U CHARMER'S WELL 27 (BF,S) G Balding 7-11-0 .... A P McCoy (3) —
5 31-65 DISTANT ECHO 36 (F) (M Fordham) D Arbuthnot 5-11-0 .... S McNeill 54
6 00 FEVER PITCH 38 (Four No Trumps Partnership) R Frost 5-11-0 .... J Frost —
7 10- FIONANS FLUTTER 314 (S) (R Wright) D Elsworth 7-11-0 .... P Holley —
8 0-P0 GARNISHEE 10 (The Heytleet Partnership) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 .... G Bradley —
9 JOJO (J Grist) D Grissell 5-11-0 .... Peter Hobbs —
10 235-4 KILLONE ABBOT 99 (Lady Lloyd Webber) J Old 6-11-0 .... T Grantham 75
11 1/35 MODIFY 34 (F) (C Perrett) G Harwood 8-11-0 .... M Perrett 81
12 RED CHANNEL (D Wales) T Casey 5-11-0 .... D Gallagher —
13 0 STONE BRAMBLE 111 (Bonusprint) Miss H Knight 5-11-0 .... J Osborne —
14 00-0 WREKENGALE 93 (R & E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 .... W Marston —

BETTING: 6-4 Major Summit, 4-1 Go Ballistic, 9-2 Modify, 6-1 Killone Abbot, 10-1 Fionans Flutter, 16-1 Distant Echo, 20-1 others.

1994: HAWAIIAN YOUTH 6-11-5 G McCourt (6-1) R Rowe 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

GO BALLISTIC 2½l 3rd of 19 to King Lucifer in novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start. MAJOR SUMMIT 11¼l 3rd of 5 to Silver Wedge in 5-runner grade I Baring Tolworth Hurdle over course and distance (soft). CHARMER'S WELL 3½l and distance 3rd of 10 to Sunny Bay in novice chase at Warwick (3m 2f, soft) on penultimate start. DISTANT ECHO 23½l 5th of 19 to Lightening Lad in novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, 2m, good). FIONANS FLUTTER beat Fik's Man 12l in 15-runner National Hunt Flat race at Tramore (2m, heavy) on penultimate start, January 1994. KILLONE ABBOT 5¼l 4th of 16 to Shining Light in novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, good to soft). MODIFY 12l 3rd of 13 to Simple Arithmetic in *novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good to soft)* on penultimate start.
Selection: MAJOR SUMMIT

2.00 SQUIRREL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,371: 2m) (4 runners)

1 324-113 KIBREET 13 (D,F,G,S) (D Smester) L Cottrell 8-11-10 .... A Maguire 99
2 111/3/F TREVAYLOR 15 (D,G,S) (G Noye) P Hobbs 11-11-2 .... G McCourt —
3 P-2U113 BOLD CHOICE 7 (F,G,S) (J Joseph) R Frost 9-10-12 .... J Frost 98
4 110-212 MISTER ODDY 81 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs R Hill) J King 9-10-7 .... T Jenks 96

BETTING: 5-4 Kibreet, 2-1 Mister Oddy, 3-1 Bold Choice, 8-1 Trevaylor.

1994: UNCLE ERNIE 9-11-6 M Dwyer (11-10 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

KIBREET 1¼l and short-head 3rd of 5 to Uncle Ernie in handicap chase over course and distance (soft). Previously beat Newlands-General 2l in handicap chase at Ascot (2m, good). TREVAYLOR completed four-timer beat Evening Rain 2l in handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, good) April 1992. BOLD CHOICE (tripped over Bob Champion at the start) 11½l 3rd of 4 to Big Matt in handicap chase at Newbury (2m 1f, heavy). Previously beat Ginger Tristan ½l in handicap chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). MISTER ODDY 6l 2nd of 4 to Sallaah in handicap chase at Worcester (2m, soft). Previously beat BOLD CHOICE (7lb worse off) 9l in handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, heavy).
Selection: KIBREET (nap)

2.35 STAG HANDICAP CHASE (£6,775: 3m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 0P1P-32 RIVER TARQUIN 61 (D,G,S) (Elite Racing Club) K Bailey 11-12-0 .... J Osborne 90
2 11U3-36 MERE CLASS 34 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs J Stuart Evans) C Brooks 9-11-9 .... G Bradley 89
3 1P-1110 FLYER'S NAP 41 (G,S) (R Tory) R Alner 9-11-6 .... A Maguire 99
4 630-343 AVONBURN 34 (D,F,G,S) (H Spooner) P Hedger 11-10-13 .... M Richards 93
5 0-25140 ANNIO CHILONE 13 (CD,G,S) (Miss J Semple) J Gifford 9-10-4 .... P Hide 92
6 4-06332 CUDDY DALE 22 (CD,F,G,S) (Queen Elizabeth) N Henderson 12-10-0 .... M A Fitzgerald 96
7 1P022-F FIFTH AMENDMENT 15 (B,C,D,G,S) (R Ponsonby) C Mann 10-10-0 .... J R Kavanagh 94
8 U015P-3 ONE MORE RUN 29 (CD,S) (Michael Jackson Ltd) C Brooks 8-10-0 .... D Gallagher 89

Long handicap: Fifth Amendment 9-11, One More Run 9-9

BETTING: 5-2 Flyer's Nap, 7-2 Avonburn, 9-2 River Tarquin, 5-1 One More Run, 6-1 Mere Class, 8-1 Cuddy Dale, 12-1 others.

1994: THE WIDGET MAN 8-10-6 P Hide (10-11 fav) J Gifford 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

RIVER TARQUIN 6l 2nd of 8 to Bart Owen in handicap chase at Navan (3m, heavy). MERE CLASS 1l 3rd of 6 to Bold Choice in handicap chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. FLYER'S NAP 11¼l last of 10 to Deep Bramble in handicap chase here (3m 5f 110yd, good to soft). Previously completed treble, beat Garrison Savannah 6l in 7-runner handicap at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good). AVONBURN 16½l 3rd of 9 to Dont Tell The Wife in handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 2f 110yd, good to soft) with MERE CLASS 37l 6th. ANNIO CHILONE best effort this season, beat Tammy's Friend ¾l in 11-runner handicap chase at Folkestone (3m 2f, good to soft). CUDDY DALE 4l 2nd of 12 to Sunley Bay in amateur riders' handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, soft). ONE MORE RUN 15½l 3rd of 10 to Sirrah Royal in handicap chase at Nottingham (3m 110yd, soft).
Selection: FLYER'S NAP

3.10 PHILIP BARNARD MEMORIAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,851: 2m 6f) (10 runners)

1 1F-030P MISS PURBECK 34 (CD,G,S) (M Hill) Mrs J Retter 8-12-0 .... S Fox 95
2 P5255-P CHIEF CELT 6 (G,S) (Mrs J Peppiatt) J King 9-11-10 .... T Jenks 87
3 1214-50 KNOCKAVERRY 53 (G,S) (Mrs W Morrell) M Wilkinson 7-11-9 .... P Ward 89
4 654F31 LANDED GENTRY 8 (S) (K Bell & Son Ltd) C Broad 6-11-7 (5ex) .... P Maddock (7) 99
5 30-030P SPIRIT IN THE NITE 27 (G) (Mrs T Pilkington) J Gifford 6-11-5 .... P Hide 92
6 32-3524 JADIDH 6F (D,F,G,S) (D Hazzard) C Wildman 7-11-0 .... D Salter (5) 92
7 135-030 WARFIELD 22 (D,S) (C Lewis) P Nicholls 8-10-8 .... A P McCoy 87
8 02-0050 BUCKINGHAM GATE 30 (B,G,S) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 9-10-5 .... D Leahy 97
9 152P0-0 AMLAFFED 30 (D,S) (Mrs S McLean) J Akehurst 5-10-5 .... F Leahy 98
10 1332-31 IT'S NOT MY FAULT 8 (D,B,S) (P Jones) P Jones 7-10-3 (5ex) .... J A McCarthy 93

BETTING: 7-4 Landed Gentry, 3-1 Jadidh, 5-1 Warfield, 7-1 Spirit In The Nite, 8-1 Miss Purbeck, 14-1 It's Not My Fault, 16-1 Knockaverry, 20-1 others.

1994: MISS PURBECK 7-9-12 S Fox (20-1) Mrs J Retter 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MISS PURBECK best effort this season when 2½l 3rd of 9 to Darmer Blanc in amateur riders' handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (3m 6f, heavy). LANDED GENTRY beat Fools Errand 12l in 13-runner conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m *4f, heavy). Previously 9l 3rd of 18 to Royal Piper in* handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, soft) with JADIDH (6lb better off) 3l 4th and WARFIELD (8lb better off) 35l 10th. WARFIELD 9½l 3rd of 15 to Mr Pickpocket in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f 110yd, soft). BUCKINGHAM GATE 21½l 5th of 13 to Tony Murphys Lady in handicap hurdle at Nottingham (3m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start. IT'S NOT MY FAULT beat Five Flags short-head in 11-runner selling handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: LANDED GENTRY

3.45 BADGER NOVICES CHASE (£4,419: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 322F14 BRAVE HIGHLANDER 9 (G,S) (S J Embiricos) J Gifford 7-11-10 .... P Hide 98
2 4-23321 KADI 15 (G,S) (J Brown) D Nicholson 6-11-7 .... A Maguire 99
3 12 SPARTAN SILVER 82 (D,G) (Lord Somerleyton) N Gaselee 9-11-7 .... J R Kavanagh 83
4 F32130 TUG OF PEACE 13 (G,S) (P Richardson) G Balding 8-11-7 .... A P McCoy 83
5 53-52P6 AEDEAN 10 (S) (M Orpen-Palmer) G Enright 6-11-3 .... M Perrett 72

BETTING: 6-5 Kadi, 3-1 Brave Highlander, 7-2 Spartan Silver, 9-2 Tug Of Peace, 50-1 Aedean

1994: COONAWARA 8-11-9 B Powell (1-3 fav) T Forster 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRAVE HIGHLANDER distant 4th of 10 to Sweet Duke in grade II Reynoldstown Novices' Chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, soft). Earlier beat Greenhill Tare Away 20l in 6-runner novice chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good).
KADI beat Seasamacamile 15l in 10-runner novice chase at Towcester (2m 6f, heavy). SPARTAN SILVER 8l 2nd of 6 to Scotton Banks in novice chase at Nottingham (3m 110yd, good to soft) with KADI (5lb worse off) 20l 3rd. TUG OF PEACE Irish import, distant 3rd of 8 to Banjo in grade 1 Scilly Isles Novice Chase over course and distance (soft). *AEDEAN best effort this term 12l 2nd of 6 to* Leotard in novice chase at Kempton (3m, good to soft).
Selection: BRAVE HIGHLANDER

4.15 CAT & MOUSE CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,900: 2m 6f) (10 runners)

1 5-00104 BADRAKHANI 15 (G,S) (P Slade) C Nash 9-10-12 .... J R Kavanagh 90
2 84-R061 CARFAX 15 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs V Maunders) R Hoad 10-10-12 .... G Bradley 87
3 101FF-5 PAMPILLO 105 (G,S) (Mrs G Balding) G Balding 7-10-12 .... B Clifford —
4 3/4534P- SAYYURE 324 (F,G,S) (B Lowrey) J White 9-10-12 .... G McCourt —
5 422454 SECRET FOUR 30 (BF,F,G,S) (M Rimell) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-12 .... Mr M Rimell (7) 99
6 41-641P EASTERN PLEASURE 42 (B,S) (Mrs V Wood) W Clay 8-10-10 .... Diane Clay 85
7 PPP-022 STAR OF OUGHTERARD 38 (B,F) R Simpson 10-10-8 .... K Dempsey (7) 82
8 2U12-00 LEAVENWORTH 41 (G,S) (A Collins) Mrs J Retter 11-10-8 .... A P McCoy (3) 97
9 PPOP0P MONAZITE 50 (J McConnochie) J McConnochie 5-10-8 .... R Bellamy —
10 000325 PONTABULA 11 (B) (H Manners) H Manners 5-10-8 .... M Appleby (7) 63

BETTING: 7-4 Secret Four, 7-2 Pampillo, 6-1 Star Of Oughterard, 8-1 Badrakhani, 10-1 Carfax, Leavenworth, Sayyure, 12-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BADRAKHANI best recent effort beat Jadidh 4l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 3f 110yd, heavy) with CARFAX (5lb worse off) 94l 6th. CARFAX beat Villa Park 10l in 19-runner selling handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, heavy). PAMPILLO 9l 5th of 18 to Aguan in hurdle *at Enghien (2m 1f, heavy).*
SAYYURE 33½l 4th of 8 to Meleagris in novice chase at Doncaster (3m, good to soft) on penultimate start. SECRET FOUR best recent effort 6¾l 4th of 16 to Lansdowne in handicap hurdle at Taunton (3m 110yd, soft). EASTERN PLEASURE beat Myhamet 1¼l in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start.
STAR OF OUGHTERARD 6l 2nd of 13 to Castle *Secret in claiming hurdle at Leicester (3m, soft)* LEAVENWORTH 56l 9th of 24 to Miracle Man in handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft)
Selection: STAR OF OUGHTERARD

4.50 SANDOWN OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,926: 2m 110yd) (19 runners)

1 31 JULTARA 42 (S) (R Barby) J Edwards 6-11-10 .... Mr M Daly (7) —
2 041 KARICLEIGH LAD 46 (S) (E Eveleigh) Mrs J Retter 6-11-10 .... Mr J Culloty (7) —
3 30 AKULITE 27 (BF) (S Clough) J King 5-11-3 .... A Maguire —
4 BOARD MEMBER (H Parker) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-3 .... T Jenks —
5 CAMP BANK (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-3 .... D Bridgwater —
6 FALSE CREEK (F Colton) G Harwood 5-11-3 .... Miss A Harwood —
7 2 IRENE'S PET 104 (J Nicholson) J Long 5-11-3 .... Leesa Long —
8 MAN OF WISLEY (The Wisley Golf Partnership) N Henderson 5-11-3 .... M A Fitzgerald —
9 MR PLAYFULL (P Tylor) R Frost 5-11-3 .... J Frost —
10 SUPREME GENOTIN (W Sturt) J Old 6-11-3 .... T Grantham —
11 TIN PAN ALLEY (Mrs C Notley) D Grissell 6-11-3 .... Peter Hobbs —
12 ZIP YOUR LIP (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 5-11-3 .... Mr P Townsley —
13 0- KIWI CRYSTAL 331 (Lt Cdr Per A Floate) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-10-12 .... R Greene —
14 NOTHINGS FOREVER (Miss K George) Miss K George 5-10-12 .... Miss T Honeyball (7) —
15 0 SON OF A GUNNER 15 (J Neville) R Simpson 4-10-7 .... D Gallagher —
16 0 FINAL CHUKKA 30 (Mrs J Humphreys) C James 4-10-2 .... S McNeill —
17 0 GIVUSASHOT 15 (Mrs D Strauss) J Moore 4-10-2 .... Mr P Henley (7) —
18 NELLY BLANCHE (Miss R Wakeford) C Elsey 4-10-2 .... A Procter —
19 THE BIZZO (J Parwert) J Parwert 4-10-2 .... J R Kavanagh —

BETTING: 6-4 Man Of Wisley, 9-2 Jultara, 6-1 False Creek, 7-1 Board Member, Karicleigh Lad, 8-1 Camp Bank, 12-1 Irene's Pet, 16-1 others.

1994: GO BALLISTIC 5-10-10 R Massey (25-1) D Nicholson 22 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Nicholls	3	7	42.9	A Maguire	18	80	22.5
G Harwood	7	18	38.9	G McCourt	6	28	21.4
D Nicholson	25	76	32.9	M Perrett	9	47	19.1
R Simpson	3	13	23.1	P Hide	7	39	17.9
Miss H Knight	4	19	21.1	Peter Hobbs	4	23	17.4
Mrs J Retter	3	16	18.8	J Osborne	17	110	15.5

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
1.50 Jilly Jaffa Cake. 2.25 No Submission. 2.55 *Chaldon Herring. 3.30 Taroudant.* 4.00 *Mad Militant.* 4.30 Warwick Warrior.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.50 Fen Terrier. 2.55 POSTED ABROAD (nap).

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.50 GIRTON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,537: 1m 3f) (13 runners)

101 350- FEN TERRIER 121 W Haggas 9-7 .... W Woods 5
102 01-5 SOMETHING SPEEDY 27 (BF,G) P Bevan 9-2 .... N Carlisle 9
103 6-24 JILLY JAFFA CAKE 18 D Arbuthnot 9-0 .... S Whitworth 13
104 6455 FOOLS OF PRIDE 9 R Hollinshead 9-0 .... L Dettori 8
105 -030 FAIRY'S SON 28 W Muir 8-12 .... D Harrison 11
106 0-06 KINDRED GREETING 14 D Morris 8-12 .... Stephen Davies 7
107 4403 RUNFORACTION 18 (C,G) B Rothwell 8-11 .... M Fenton 2
108 50-3 HEVER GOLF LADY 27 T Naughton 8-5 .... J Weaver 4
109 00-0 FRIAR'S OAK 25 M Tompkins 8-4 .... S Mulvey (5) 1
110 00-0 PRINCESS KAMINA 32 (V) M Camacho 8-1 .... L Charnock 12
111 00-0 CENTAUR EXPRESS 27 A Forbes 8-1 .... J Quinn 10
112 000 HAYA YA KEFAAH 13 M Prescott 8-0 .... G Duffield 6
113 0005 MISS SUZY 18 J Leigh 7-7 .... D Wright (3) 3

7-2 Runforaction, 9-2 Hever Golf Lady, 5-1 Fen Terrier, 6-1 Jilly Jaffa Cake, 7-1 Fools Of Pride, 10-1 Something Speedy, Fairy's Son, 12-1 others.

2.25 HARDWICK CLAIMING STAKES (£2,537: 1m) (7)

201 040- PRIVATE FIXTURE 97 (G) D Marks 4-9-1 .... T Ives 7
202 -110 SHUTTLECOCK 21 (CD,BF,G,S) Mrs Macauley 4-8-9 .... M Fenton 2
203 2424 BATTLE COLOURS 4 (B,CD,BF,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 6-8-8 .... J Weaver 5
204 0212 NO SUBMISSION 4 (CD,BF,G,S) D Chapman 9-8-5 .... L Dettori 4
205 01-4 MILLSOLIN 32 (CD,G,S) R Akehurst 7-8-3 .... G Carter 6
206 0- TRY AGAIN JANE 88J (V) D Eddy 5-8-0 .... G Duffield 1
207 060- WARM TOES 17J (B,F) J Birkett 5-7-8 .... J Marshall 3

11-4 Shuttlecock, 3-1 Battle Colours, 7-2 No Submission, 4-1 Millsolin, 12-1 Private Fixture, 25-1 Try Again Jane, 33-1 Warm Toes.

2.55 KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,053: 7f) (7)

301 31-5 CHADLEIGH LANE 9 (C,G) R Hollinshead 9-7 .... T Ives 4
302 3-12 POSTED ABROAD 7 (BF,G) M Prescott 9-5 .... G Duffield 7
303 3131 PC'S CRUISER 7 (C,G) M Chapman 9-1 (6ex) .... C Munday (7) 1
304 0-05 CHALDON HERRING 14 (D,G) T Barron 9-0 .... Dean McKeown 2
305 106- THREE ARCH BRIDGE 183 (F) M Johnston 8-9 .... T Williams 3
306 56-3 BALLY WONDER 22 D Morris 8-2 .... C Rutter 5
307 060- SPEEDY SNAPS PRIDE 120 P Cundell 8-1 .... A Mackay 6

5-2 PC's Cruiser, 3-1 Posted Abroad, 4-1 Chadleigh Lane, 7-1 Three Arch Bridge, 8-1 Chaldon Herring, Bally Wonder, 25-1 Speedy Snaps Pride.

3.30 LAXTON HANDICAP (£3,110: 2m) (13)

401 01-5 TAROUDANT 30 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-0 .... R Cochrane 10
402 0-08 VISHNU 15 (C,F,G) J Eyre 5-9-12 .... A Clark 9
403 /00 ELECTROLYTE 27 (C,G) B Palling 5-9-5 .... Stephen Davies 13
404 1-50 MRS JAWLEYFORD 7 (CD,G) C Smith 7-9-3 .... W Woods 4
405 -130 WELL AND TRULY 7 (C,D,G) B McMahon 8-9-0 .... J Weaver 5
406 05-2 NAHRI 17J J Mackie 4-8-12 .... G Carter 6
407 33-0 MOONSHINE DANCER 7 Mrs M Reveley 5-8-9 .... S Copp (7) 3
408 0-02 RISKY TU 7 (C,G) P Kelleway 4-8-9 .... Adelle Gibbons (7) 1
409 0/4 TURFMANS VISION 9 R Hollinshead 5-6-6 .... L Dettori 2
410 30/ SURCOAT 274J (F,G) R Baker 8-8-5 .... J Quinn 7
411 3221 WHO'S THE BEST 7 (CD,F,G) A Jarvis 5-8-1 (4ex) .... N Varley (5) 11
412 3425 OZZIE JONES 14 (B,F) M Chapman 4-7-12 .... N Kennedy 12
413 54-5 LA MENORQUINA 10 D Marks 5-7-8 .... M Baird (5) 8

7-2 Who's The Best, 9-2 Nahri, 5-1 Taroudant, 6-1 Risky Tu, 7-1 Mrs Jawleyford, 8-1 Vishnu, 10-1 Moonshine Dancer, 12-1 La Menorquina, 14-1 others.

4.00 MAPLEBECK SELLING STAKES (£2,259: 1m 4f) (6)

501 3220 GREEK GOLD 13 (C,G) G Kelly 6-9-5 .... Alex Greaves 2
502 04-1 MAD MILITANT 44 (C,D,F,G) R Hollinshead 6-9-5 .... L Dettori 1
503 0111 KILLING TIME 7 (V,CD,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-2 .... M Fenton 5
504 0/5 AVIATOR'S DREAM 6 J Pearce 5-9-0 .... G Bardwell 6
505 326- RED INDIAN 90J (F,G) W Haigh 9-9-0 .... Dean McKeown 4
506 0 RORY JOHN 7 S Campion 7-9-0 .... R Cochrane 3

6-4 Mad Militant, 9-4 Killing Time, 5-1 Greek Gold, 6-1 Red Indian, 10-1 Aviator's Dream, 33-1 Rory John.

4.30 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER BOWL SERIES HANDICAP (£3,640: 6f) (9)

601 -413 LEIGH CROFTER 23 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) P Cundell 6-10-0 .... J Weaver 6
602 4251 BELLA PARKES 11 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Nicholls 4-9-11 (7ex) .... Alex Greaves 9
603 5812 WARWICK WARRIOR 18 (CD,BF,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-10 .... Victoria Appleby (7) 2
604 3004 FRISKY MISS 13 (D,F,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-4 .... L Dettori 5
605 065- WHITE SORREL 156 J Eyre 4-9-1 .... J Stack (5) 7
606 00/ HELLO HOBSON'S 514 (D,G) R Bastiman 5-8-9 .... Dean McKeown 8
607 3038 ALJAZ 6 (CD,G) D Thom 5-8-7 .... A Mackay 3
608 -412 CHADWELL HALL 4 (B,D,G) S Bowring 4-8-1 .... C Teague (7) 4
609 2304 CHEERFUL GROOM 11 (F) J Mackie 4-7-11 .... J Quinn 1

11-4 Leigh Crofter, 7-2 Warwick Warrior, 4-1 Bella Parkes, 5-1 Chadwell Hall, 7-1 Frisky Miss, 10-1 Aljaz, 14-1 Cheerful Groom, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Akehurst, 5 winners from 15 runners 33.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 18 from 58, 31%; M Prescott, 22 from 112, 19.6%; M Johnston, 28 from 144, 19.4%; W Haggas, 8 from 46, 17.4%; W Haigh, 16 from 98, 16.3%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 35 winners from 170 rides, 20.6%; J Weaver, 25 from 154, 16.2%; Alex Greaves, 35 from 229, 15.3%; R Cochrane, 17 from 114, 14.9%; G Duffield, 29 from 198, 14.6%; D Harrison, 18 from 125, 14.4%.

FAKENHAM

THUNDERER
2.15 Ruth's Gamble. 2.45 Over The Stream. 3.15 Lead Vocalist. 3.50 Touch Of Winter. 4.25 Sandybraes. 4.55 Eskimo Nel.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.55 STYLUS.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.55 Albemine.

Brian Beel: 4.25 Sandybraes.

GOING. GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

2.15 SHERINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,759: 2m) (16 runners)

1 P-00 OLD EROS 15 (CD,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 11-12-0 .... P Niven —
2 2-P5 KALAKATE 13 M Dixon 10-11-6 .... D O'Sullivan 94
3 4026 ALOSAILI 50 (D,F,G) B Stevens 8-11-3 .... M Stevens 88
4 P32 DESERT PRESIDENT 11F R Hoad 4-10-13 .... A S Smith 99
5 /PP DRUSO 48 (B,G) R Marvin 11-10-12 .... T Eley (3) —
6 FP56 RUPPLES 11 (F,G) M Chapman 8-10-11 .... W Worthington —
7 00-5 RUTH'S GAMBLE 30 (CD,G) Mrs L Jewell 7-10-9 .... I Lawrence 89
8 04U3 SCRABO VIEW 28 (BF) P Beaumont 7-10-8 .... C Hawkins 98
9 /6/ LAMBSON 611F (G) J Pearce 8-10-7 .... J McLaughlin —
10 5060 PLEASURE TRICK 34 N Tinkler 4-10-6 .... L Wyer 82
11 /40 PONTEVECCHIO BELLA 30 (V,D,S) Mrs Jewell 9-10-6 .... J Railton 84
12 -PP1 DAILY SPORT GIRL 9 (D,G,S) B Llewellyn 6-10-5 (6ex) .... Mr J L Llewellyn (5) 88
13 P600 WATER DIVINER 66 (D,F) K Wingrove 5-10-0 .... J Ryan 96
14 03/ SUMMERSBURY ROAN 760 G Thorner 8-10-0 .... B Powell —
15 4030 CHRIS'S GLEN 20 (V) J Bradley 6-10-0 .... Guy Lewis (5) 82
16 6U4P YEOMAN BOUND 39 J Jenkins 7-10-0 .... N Williamson 92

3-1 Pleasure Trick, 4-1 Daily Sport Girl, 6-1 Old Eros, Desert President, 8-1 Ruth's Gamble, Scrabo View, 10-1 Alosaili, 12-1 Kalakate, 14-1 others.

2.45 PRINCE CARLTON HANDICAP CHASE (£4,790: 3m 110yd) (8)

1 1221 OVER THE STREAM 78 (CD,F,G) K Bailey 9-11-12 .... N Williamson 99
2 5P-3 ONE MORE RUN 29 (D,S) C Brooks 8-11-12 .... 2nd pref 96
3 1/3 CHARLTON YEOMAN 53 (B,F,G,S) R Rowe 10-11-4 .... D O'Sullivan 82
4 43F3 NEW MILL HOUSE 49 (G,S) A Jarvis 12-11-3 .... Richard Guest 89
5 P3P4 OPAL'S TENSPOT 9 (D,F,G,S) J Bradley 8-10-11 .... R Farrant 94
6 16-5 TRY NEXT DOOR 97 (D,S) O Brennan 8-10-4 .... M Brennan 92
7 5051 IMPECCABLE TIMING 29 (S) O O'Neill 12-10-3 .... Mr A Mitchell (7) 98
8 3542 SPROWSTON BOY 11 (F,G,S) M Chapman 12-10-2 .... W Worthington 98

5-4 Over The Stream, 7-2 Impeccable Timing, 5-1 Charlton Yeoman, 6-1 Sprowston Boy, 10-1 New Mill House, 12-1 Opal's Tenspot, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss C Saunders, 3 winners from 3 runners, 100.0%; D Nicholson, 3 from 5, 60.0%; D Gandolfo, 3 from 5, 60.0%; C Brooks, 4 from 7, 57.1%; K Bailey, 6 from 18, 33.3%; O Brennan, 6 from 22, 27.3%.

JOCKEYS: Mrs L Gibbon, 3 winners from 5 rides, 60.0%; J McLaughlin, 5 from 13, 38.5%; M Brennan, 6 from 28, 21.4%; J Ryan, 3 from 20, 15%; A S Smith, 4 from 27, 14.8%; N Williamson, 4 from 27, 14.8%.

3.15 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,650: 2m 4f) (14)

1 4481 LIEN DE FAMILLE 28 (S) J Quinn 5-11-10 .... L Wyer 84
2 3350 LEAD VOCALIST 8 (S) R Rowe 6-11-5 .... D O'Sullivan 99
3 BLACK STATEMENT A Jarvis 5-11-0 .... P Morris (7) —
4 BLANK CHEQUE M Wilkinson 5-11-0 .... R Supple —
5 6 DIEMAU'S MAESTRO 39 Mrs D Haine 7-11-0 .... G Hogan (5) —
6 4-4S DOMINIE 36 (S) J Edwards 7-11-0 .... N Williamson 61
7 04- GREEN MILL 386 Mrs P Sly 5-11-0 .... R Marley 70
8 FS22 JAY EM ESS 74 (BF) D Nicholson 6-11-0 .... R Massey (5) 81
9 -0F0 LODESTONE LAD 7 (B) R Dickin 5-11-0 .... D Meredith (3) 98
10 MAYBE MOSES M Ahern 5-11-0 .... J Lodder —
11 SAJID J Bostock 6-11-0 .... R Farrant —
12 6- SMART CASANOVA 328 M Wilkinson 6-11-0 .... J F Titley —
13 PPP- TODAY'S ASSET 291P Mrs L Jewell 7-11-0 .... I Lawrence —
14 FRENSHAM CANYON J Jenkins 6-10-9 .... N Mann —

5-2 Lead Vocalist, 3-1 Lien De Famille, 9-2 Jay Em Ess, 7-1 Lodestone Lad, 8-1 Dominie, 10-1 Frensham Canyon, 12-1 others.

3.50 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,420: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 -110 TOUCH OF WINTER 58 (G) K Bailey 9-11-10 .... N Williamson 92
2 13F5 FAST THOUGHTS 10 (C,BF,F,G,S) D Gandolfo 8-11-3 .... R Farrant 99
3 0-P3 ILE DE SOO 52 R Rowe 9-10-10 .... D O'Sullivan —
4 F5F3 APRIL CITY 29 (B,S) C Smith 6-10-5 .... M Ranger 67
5 P206 CAPPUCCINO GIRL 22 (G) F Gray 8-10-5 .... M Crosse —

Evens Fast Thoughts, 5-4 Touch Of Winter, 8-1 Ile De Soo, 10-1 April City, 12-1 Cappuccino Girl.

4.25 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL CUP (Hunter chase: amateurs: £2,629: 2m 5f 110yd) (12)

1 /11- SHEER JEST 303 (D,F,G,S) W Warner 10-12-6 .... A Hill (3) 81
2 16-1 ESPY 8 (F,G,S) C Brooks 12-11-10 .... E James (7) 99
3 5/2- HURRICANE HUGO 283 (F,S) Mrs G Luck 9-11-10 .... J Luck (7) 53
4 1-1 ITSGONEOFF 26P (G,S) Miss C Saunders 6-11-10 .... T Marks (7) —
5 /P1-P KINGS VICTORY 6P (CD,S) Mrs J Read 11-11-10 .... Mrs L Gibbon (3) 69
6 4-PF MAJOR INQUIRY 13P (D,F,G,S) N Pewter 9-11-10 .... G Pewter (7) 66
7 /4UP- REHAB VENTURE 300P (G) Mrs H Harvey 11-11-10 .... D Esden (7) —
8 32-1 SANDYBRAES 11 (F,G,S) D Nicholson 10-11-10 .... R Johnson (7) 98
9 -0PP SEA BREAKER 13P (F) Mrs J Read 7-11-10 .... T McCarthy (7) 57
10 /6-3 SOME OBLIGATION 9 (C,F,G,S) C Nimmo 10-11-10 .... B Pollock (7) 75
11 30P5 WRECKLESS MAN 8 (D,F,G,S) V Dartnall 8-11-10 .... G Maundrell (7) —
12 121- FAIRFIELD'S BREEZE 273 (CD,G) Miss S George 10-11-5 .... DOUBTFUL 52

9-4 Sheer Jest, 5-2 Sandybraes, 3-1 Espy, 6-1 Itsgoneoff, 12-1 Some Obligation, 14-1 Kings Victory, 20-1 others.

4.55 CROMER HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,862: 2m) (16)

1 /26- ALBEMINE 488 (D,F) Mrs J Cecil 6-11-13 .... T Kent 84
2 32-4 SMUGGLER'S POINT 13 (D,F) M Dixon 5-11-11 .... D O'Sullivan 86
3 4034 RATIFY 53 (CD,G,S) K Morgan 8-11-11 .... A S Smith 89
4 111/ EUROLINK THE LAD 1319F (D,F,S) D Nicholson 8-11-11 .... Mr T McCarthy (7) —
5 /11 LUMUMBA DAYS 30 (D,F,S) M Meade 9-11-10 .... J Railton 88
6 320- NAWAR 337 (D,S) J Jenkins 5-11-9 .... N Williamson —
7 -06P CO-CHIN 92 (D,S) J Jenkins 6-11-1 .... N Mann —
8 5441 PINECONE PETER 8 (V,CD,F,G,S) O Brennan 8-10-13 (5ex) .... M Brennan 82
9 3113 ESKIMO NEL 41 (D,G,S) J Spearing 4-10-11 .... G Lee (5) 86
10 45P5 STYLUS 11 (D,G,S) M Chapman 6-10-10 .... W Worthington 99
11 1-01 ELEGANT FRIEND 66 (CD,G,S) M Tompkins 7-10-8 .... B Powell 84
12 30FU ILEWIN 50 (CD,F,G,S) M Ahern 8-10-7 .... J Lodder 83
13 -220 CHALLENGER ROW 9 (D,S) Mrs Jewell 5-10-7 .... D Meredith (3) 90
14 0-04 WORDY'S WONDER 30 (CD,G,S) L Wordingham 7-10-3 .... R Farrant 87
15 0660 RAWAAN 29 (D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-10-2 .... E Husband (5) 72
16 5-56 SANTARAY 90 (D,G,S) T Donnelly 9-10-0 .... T Eley (3) 86

9-2 Lumumba Days, 5-1 Eskimo Nel, 6-1 Albemine, 7-1 Ratify, 8-1 Smuggler's Point, Pinecone Peter, 10-1 Elegant Friend, Eurolink The Lad, 12-1 others.

Blinkered first time

FAKENHAM: 2.15 Pontevecchio Bella. 3.15 Lodestone Lad. SANDOWN PARK: 3.10 Buckingham Gate. 4.15 Pontabula. SOUTHWELL: 2.25 Battle Colours. 3.30 Ozzie Jones.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Sandown Park

Going: heavy

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, TAOS (D Bridgwater, 14-1); 2, Shoofk (A Dicken, 9-2); 3, Bimsey (S Ryan, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Plunder Bay (pu), 7 Djais (ur), 16 Conti D'Estruval (ur), 25 Mougins (4th), 50 Kelly Mac (5th). 8 ran. Dist, 20l, nk, 20l. N Twiston-Davies at Cheltenham. Tote: £14.40; £2.60, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £15.80. CSF: £68.44.

2.35 (3m 110yd ch) 1, ALLO GEORGE (A Thornton, 20-1); 2, Keano (A Maguire, 9-2); 3, Full Of Fire (N Williamson, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Full Of Oats (f), 3 Mr Invader (5th), 8 Buckelight (ur), 12 Zamirah (4th), 20 Leinthall Princess (6th), 25 Mr Sunnyside (pu). 9 ran. Nk, 10l, 30l, 30l, 30l. A Newcombe at Barnstaple. Tote: £28.00; £3.00, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £55.80. Trio: £870.40. CSF: £102.20. Tricast: £484.04.

3.10 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, ROUYAN (W Marston, 11-10 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Gnome's Tycoon (J Railton, 5-1); 3, Lake Teereen (T Grantham, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Mr Matt (4th). 4 ran. 2½l, 5l, dist. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.80. DF: £3.30. CSF: £5.76.

3.45 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, ZEALOUS KITTEN (A P McCoy, 2-1); 2, Statajack (P Holley, 15-8 fav); 3, Sohrab (C Maude, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Plastic Spaceage (4th). 4 ran. Hd, 4l, nk. R Price at Leominster. Tote: £2.70. DF: £3.00. CSF: £5.74.

4.15 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, RIVER BOUNTY (Mr E James, 2-1); 2, Ryde Again (Mr T Marks, 6-5 fav); 3, The Real Unyoke (Mr J Luck, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Blue Danube (pu), 16 Minstrel Man (pu), 20 Listery Lad (ur), 50 Pinoccio (pu), Shareef Star (ur). 8 ran. 8l, 25l. C Brooks at Lambourn. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £1.30, £2.20. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.62.

4.50 (2m 6f hdle) 1, BLACK H'PENNY (T Grantham, 12-1); 2, Native Alliance (J Lower, 6-5 fav); 3, Bankhead (N Williamson, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Clifton Set (5th), 9 Sophie May, 10 Ballymac Girl (4th), 12 Pistol River (ref), 25 Beatson (6th), 50 Blue Raven, Monksander (pu). 11 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 20l, 13l, 14l. J Old at Wroughton. Tote: £10.60; £1.80, £1.60, £2.50. DF: £13.90. Trio: £139.70. CSF: £25.05. Tricast: £186.88.

Placepot: £61.50. Quadpot: £7.50.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.50 (1m 5f) 1, Royal Circus (Mrs S Bosley, 9-2); 2, Don't Drop Bombs (9-4 fav); 3, Lady Bunting (25-1). 10 ran. 5l, 5l. J O'Shea. Tote: £7.60; £2.20, £1.10, £6.70. DF: £5.30. Trio: £85.80. CSF: £13.98. Tricast: £200.11.

2.25 (7f) 1, Sand Star (A Mackay, 11-4); 2, Considerable Charm (7-2); 3, Sokanne (6-11 fav). 5 ran. Nk, 2l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £3.70; £1.40, £2.70. DF: £4.00. CSF: £11.69.

2.55 (6f) 1, Myjinka (P McCabe, 9-1); 2, Our Shadee (7-1); 3, Purbeck Centenary (11-2). Waverley Star 5-2 fav. 11 ran. NR: Soba Guest. 1½l, 1½l. J O'Donoghue. Tote: £10.80; £2.20, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £17.00. Trio: £24.50. CSF: £69.65. Tricast: £351.86.

3.30 (2m) 1, Dancing Diamond (S Sanders, 11-4); 2, Nothing Doing (20-1); 3, Upper Mount Clair (9-1). Arian Spirit 13-8 fav. 12 ran. 1½l, 3l. Miss B Sanders. Tote: £4.60; £1.00, £8.20, £4.30. DF: £37.20. Trio: £53.10. CSF: £50.73. Tricast: £403.90.

4.00 (1m) 1, Soldier's Leap (R Cochrane, 8-13 fav); 2, Never So Rite (4-1); 3, Sandra Dee (5-2). 3 ran. 7l, 2l. C Brittain. Tote: £1.40. DF: £2.90. CSF: £3.02.

4.30 (1m 4f) 1, Old Rouvel (J Weaver, 5-2); 2, Regal Pursuit (9-4 fav); 3, Come On Dancer (14-1). 10 ran. 3½l, 4l. D Murray Smith. Tote: £3.80; £1.80, £1.90, £3.70. DF: £8.20. CSF: £8.47.

Jackpot: £6,088.70.

Placepot: £42.10. Quadpot: £131.20 (0.50 winning tickets; pool of £88.70 carried forward to meeting at Southwell today).

☐ The meeting at Taunton was abandoned because of waterlogging.

☐ Thirsk will offer record prize-money of £485,000 for the new turf Flat season. The Yorkshire course races on 13 *days this year.*

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Return of the devil threatens decent majority

David Miller argues against a surrender to football's vicious minority. Yob culture needs confronting for the good of society

We should pause for thought. The latest crisis in football, and in English society, must initiate action, not over reaction. If the disgraceful riot in Dublin surprised and appalled our Irish cousins, it should not have surprised us. The devil has only been on sabbatical.

If Uefa, the governing body of European football, were to withdraw the 1996 European championship from England, there could be no complaint, but we should not volunteer this step. Such a penalty is impractical only 15 months before the event. The rest of Europe, which has already experienced unforgiveable English violence in several cities, must cross its fingers and place confidence in the expertise of the British police.

I have previously advocated the voluntary withdrawal of the England team from international championships as a protection for foreign cities and populations. On the other hand, now is not the moment for England to capitulate to their vicious but minority disease at home. Foreign teams will be safe enough here next year, and their supporters must decide whether the hospitable majority of the English deserve to be given the benefit of the doubt by their presence at our stadiums.

The breed of thugs who wrecked the match at Lansdowne Road on Wednesday night are xenophobic racists, a breed not exclusive to Britain. There should be an echo of Churchill's reaction to another branch of the breed 56 years ago: we must never surrender.

The British are still predominantly tolerant and orderly, but unless authority confronts the yob culture with enforced discipline at all levels — on housing estates, on the high street, in the courts, in parliament, in sport and in the media — our society will regress to the Middle Ages, to the days before Robert Peel made the highways safe from armed robbers.

The too often pudding-headed Football Association bears as much responsibility as parents, schools, the police, the courts and government. Every decent citizen is responsible but, in the liberal-minded slide of the past 30 years, discipline and punishment have become critically eroded.

We have reached the point at which the degree of individual freedom traditional in Britain is threatened by the licence given to a minority to intimidate the majority. We must all be prepared to surrender a fraction of individual liberty — with identity cards — to protect the greater freedom.

The inquiry by the FA and the Football Association of Ireland will expose the failure of security on Wednesday: a disaster which, as at Hillsborough but without fatality, rose from a coincidental accumulation of oversights, some Irish, some English. There will, however, be few lessons not already learnt by most police forces controlling, largely successfully, English grounds and crowds.

There is a limit to the FA's capacity to deal with crowd violence, but not to its responsibility for dealing with the game. Here it has conspicuously failed. So has almost every club in the FA Carling Premiership. So has almost every manager. So has the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA).

With Dennis Wise, of Chelsea, awaiting sentence after his recent conviction for assault, it is possible, on international merit, to name a complete England XI with court convictions. One of them, Tony Adams, was at centre back on Wednesday night.

Football has an appalling record of unchecked self-abuse. How can Chelsea continue to employ Wise? Why did Manchester United not put Eric Cantona on the transfer list? Ferenc Puskas, the chief guest at the eightieth birthday dinner of Sir Stanley Matthews, could not believe that Cantona has not been run out of town.

The abominable behaviour that we have seen on four consecutive Wednesdays — Cantona's, the abuse of the referee at Blackburn, the Chelsea-Millwall battle, and now the events at Lansdowne Road — merely serves to feed and encourage the yob culture. Vinnie Jones, yob icon, was to be seen at breakfast-time on Wednesday in the dining room of the smartest hotel in Dublin verbally abusing Gary Lineker, who dutifully ignored the insults.

The anarchic terrace mob has been dignified by Nick Hornby's confessional *Fever Pitch*, lauded by the middle-brow pseudo intellectual. "The most important book written this year, on any subject," *The Guardian* duly proclaimed. Hornby relates how disorientated, immature adolescents subordinate their personalities to their team, thereby absolving themselves from private responsibility in behaviour, in personal relationships, mimicking evil on the pitch.

"If Arsenal can't get it right, how can I?" pathetically moans the self-absorbed "fan", who is concerned not with the game but wholly with its effect upon him. You can see the mob at the Arts Theatre production in London of the play-of-the-book, leather jackets and tattoos, hooting with mirth at every four-letter joke.

Hornby's book-play was honest, accurate ... and deeply alarming for any rational reader/observer for its degree of self-indulgence, which was epitomised by the mob in Dublin with its so-called provocation of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, of David Kelly's goal, for heaven's sake.

Football is still a good and socially useful game. The English are a decent people. Unless the mob is halted, in every arena, it is not just football that is doomed.

Russell Kempson finds that a football life can be full of coincidences

The strange story of the brothers Holdsworth

Twins have fascinated many a scientist down the years and inspired numerous stranger-than-fiction documentaries. Bamboozled boffins could do no better than chat with David Holdsworth, the Watford central defender. As an identical twin — Dean, his brother, is a forward with Wimbledon — he has an eerie tale to tell.

How, when they were seven years old, Dean was taken to hospital with severe stomach pains. He was discharged and back home an hour later, with no problems, but David was rushed in the next day with a burst appendix. "I never had a single symptom," he said. How, when they were 17, David was playing for Watford's reserves at Charlton Athletic while Dean kept company with their mother, Jackie, at the Holdsworth household. "Dean suddenly turned to mum and said: 'I think David's got hurt'," David said. "I had. I came home on crutches."

Dean will be hoping he receives no such premonition tomorrow, with David playing for Watford against Crystal Palace in the fifth round of the FA Cup at Vicarage Road. Wimbledon have to linger until Sunday before taking on Liverpool at Anfield, also in the last 16 of the competition.

"We've never played against each other at any level," David, 26, the elder by 40 minutes, said. "We watched the draw for this round together and would've loved it to have been Watford v Wimbledon. It's got to happen sometime and it would be nice to get the waiting over."

It is only since they gravitated towards the upper echelons of the paid ranks that the tale drifts off into the paranormal, conjuring an icy sense of disbelief. When they sustained injuries, though not at the same time, of a similar nature; when they eventually realised that they were "mirror" twins, where the opposite is fact.

Five years ago, David seriously damaged the outside of the cruciate ligament of his left knee. It required two operations. When fate visited Dean, it was the *inside* of the cruciate ligament of his *right* knee. It required two operations. David has broken his left arm, Dean his right; David has suffered serious damage to his left eye; Dean his right.



"Lots of other weird things have happened to us," David said. "When we're travelling in a car and there are other people with us, it's as if we sometimes know what each other is thinking. It's as though we're locked together, which is a bit difficult to explain.

"Perhaps it's a bit intimidating for some people, but I don't find it scary at all. It's quite nice really, we've always been very close. At least I know he's never going to give me any money."

The physical likeness is easily apparent, though David, at 6ft, is a shade ahead in height. Until Dean left Vicarage Road for Brentford early in the 1989-90 season, because of a surfeit of strikers at the club, they had been inseparable. They were born in Walthamstow and went to Woodbridge High School, Woodford, where they indulged in the typical twin delights of often impersonating one another.

They played for the Redbridge district and Essex county teams — with Warren Barton, of Wimbledon, — and joined Watford together, signed apprentice forms together and became professionals together, when Graham Taylor was manager.

"We supported West Ham as kids, had claret-and-blue in our blood and could have joined them," David said, "but we chose Watford because we knew there was a chance we could go on to further our careers there. In hindsight, it was a good move. All our mates who went to West Ham never made it."

On leaving home, they shared digs until the inevitable parting of the ways. David and his wife, Janice, have a son, also called David, nearly three, and live in Loughton, Essex. Dean and his wife, Samantha, have a son, Bradley, three-and-a-half, and live in Woodford Green, five minutes away. The junior Holdsworths play together while the seniors talk each day and meet regularly.

Both Holdsworths have won international honours: David with England Youth, whom he captained, and England Under-21, and Dean with England B. Yet rarely have they displayed the sibling rivalry or jealousy that can destroy the most cemented of relationships.

If David sprains his left ankle tomorrow, do not be surprised if Dean twists his right ankle at Anfield on Sunday. Strange but true. Welcome to football's *Twilight Zone*.

MARC ASPLAND



David Holdsworth can look back on an unusal career as a football twin with his brother, Dean, below



Richardson follows Atkinson to Coventry

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RON ATKINSON yesterday agreed a £300,000 fee with Aston Villa, his former club, to buy Kevin Richardson, the England midfield player. Richardson, 32, discussed personal terms at Highfield Road yesterday and Atkinson hopes to complete the deal in time for Richardson to make his debut for Coventry in the FA Carling Premiership match at home to West Ham United tomorrow.

Richardson, who won his one international cap against Greece in May last year, was one of Atkinson's first signings as Villa manager arriving in a £450,000 deal from the Spanish club, Real Sociedad, in August, 1991.

Born in Newcastle, he is one of the few players to have won league championships with two clubs — Everton, in 1985, and Arsenal, in 1989. He has made 23 appearances for Villa this season, but has played only once since the start of 1995.

Manchester United have thrown a cloak of secrecy over plans to bring Eric Cantona back into the country. The French striker was due to fly into Manchester yesterday after his much-publicised break on the West Indian island of Guadeloupe, but the United manager, Alex Ferguson, said: "We'll probably try to bring him in by a different route." The player will face a Football Association disciplinary hearing next Friday.

Liverpool took a step towards the Coca-Cola Cup final on Wednesday night when Robbie Fowler scored in the second minute of injury time to earn a 1-0 victory against Crystal Palace in the first leg of their semi-final at Anfield.

"You've got to give credit to Palace for the way they defended, but Robbie's goal could make all the difference," Neil Ruddock, the Liverpool defender who will miss the second leg through suspension, said. "It means they've got to come at us a lot more next week and that should leave some more space for us to exploit."

Conference clubs plea for fairer treatment

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL
BY WALTER GAMMIE

THE Vauxhall Conference has stepped up its struggle to gain funding for its clubs. An all-party group of eight MPs with Conference clubs in their constituencies, chaired by Ted Rowlands, the MP for Merthyr Tydfil, spent four hours discussing the Conference's "Case for Parity".

Bill King, the chairman of the Conference, told the MPs: "This is not a plea for money, this is a call for a fairer allocation of Government-sponsored grant monies ... the present system is out-moded." Peter Hunter, the chief executive of the Conference, said: "We were classified as 'professional' a couple of years ago, but find ourselves in between the professional clubs and the rest of non-league football in terms of grant-aid."

Clubs in the FA Premiership, and English and Scottish Leagues are automatically entitled to money granted through relief of the betting levy to the Football Trust, but the award of money to the Conference remains discretionary. The rest of non-league football can seek money from the National Lottery through the Foundation for Sports and Arts.

The unwillingness of the Football League to show flexibility towards Conference clubs denied the same money as its clubs, and its rigid enforcement of a December 31 deadline to meet its standards, has effectively been shutting the door on them.

Confusion reigns over the future of Halifax Town. Earlier in the week, Calderdale Council policy committee decided to recommend that Shay Ground should be sold for retail development and money invested to develop a shared home at Thrum Hall, the Halifax Rugby League Club ground. On Wednesday, the planning committee rejected the plans for a proposed superstore. The matter will go before the full council next Friday.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Swansea v Brentford (7.45)

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bradford PA v St Helens (at Farsley Celtic, 7.45)

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Conwy v Rhyl, Mold v Connah's Quay

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Shelbourne v Athlone (7.45). Dundalk v Cobh Ramblers.

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round replay: Portsmouth v Manchester City

SCHOOLS MATCH: Snickers Trophy: Under-19; Second round: Ardingly v St Clement Danes, Hertfordshire.

BOXING

CUMBERNAULD: World Boxing Organisation bantamweight championship: Drew Docherty (Scotland) v Alfred Kotey (Ghana, holder)

CRAWLEY: British lightweight championship (vacant) Paul Burke (Preston) v Michael Ayers (Tooting)

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RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Under-21 International
France v Scotland (Bondoufle, Evry)

Representative matches
Emerging England v Romania A (West Hartlepool)
Wales Students v England Students (Swansea, 2.0)
Wales Univs v England Univs (Llanwern, 7.0)

Club matches
Aberavon v British Steel (7.0) ... C
Askeans v Park House (7.0)
Bath v Swansea (7.15) ... C
Bedford v Leicester
Bonymaen v La Plata XV (Arg) (7.0)
Boroughmuir v Stewart's Mel FP (7.0)
Bridgend v Moseley (7.15)
Bristol v Pontypridd
Cardiff v London Welsh (7.0)
Cardiff Veterans v Transvaal Veterans (6.0)
Clarkston v West of Scotland (7.0)
Coventry v Northampton (7.15)
Cross Keys v Pontypool Utd (7.0)
Dunvant v La Plata XV (Arg) (7.0)
Hendy v Tenby Utd (7.0) ... C
Jed-Forest v Biggar
Kelso v Hawick (7.15)
Kirkcaldy v Royal High (7.0)
Llandovery v Whitland (7.0) ... C
Llanelli v Wasps (7.0)
Llanharan v Pyle (7.0)
London Irish v Reading ... C
Lydney v Clifton (7.0) ... C
Mountain Ash v Nottingham (7.0)
Musselburgh v Dunfermline
Narberth v Cardigan (7.0) ... C
Newbridge v Penarth (7.15) ... C
Pontypool v Gloucester (7.0)
Preston Lodge v Gala (7.0)
Richmond v Cambridge Univ
South Wales Police v Abertillery (7.0)
Treorchy v Hartridge HSOB (7.0)
Weston-s-Mare v Glamorgan Wnds
Wigtownshire v Androesan Acads (7.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Castleford v Leeds (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: National Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Birmingham v Sheffield (8.0)

BOWLS: Churchill Insurance World Indoor Championships (Preston)

HOCKEY: European indoor club championship: B division (Meadowbank Sports Centre)

SNOOKER: International Open (Bournemouth).

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland 100 Orlando 99 (OT); Indiana 114 Detroit 88, Philadelphia 97 Minnesota 101; Chicago 107 Washington 92; Phoenix 120 Portland 113 (OT). Golden State 115 Boston 118, LA Lakers 102 Seattle 96

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Manchester 84 (Robinson 25, Johnson 13, Gordon 10), Leicester 49 (Waldron/Fresvant 12, Harris 9).

NATIONAL CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Thames Valley 99 (Scantlebury 25, Holley 24, Bucknall 22) Leopards 83 (Brown 22, Miller 19, Devaaux 18) (179-169 on agg).

BIATHLON

BOLZANO, Italy: World championship: Men (20km): 1, T Sykora (Pol) 1hr 1min 36sec; 2, J A Tyldum (Nor) 1.02.10. 3, O Ryshenkov (Belo) 1.02.16; 4, R Zvonkov (Ukr) 1.02.18; 5, V Drashev (Russ) 1.02.35. 6, K O Ottedal (Nor) 1.03.15. Women (15km): 1, C Nogret (Fr) 51.15.3, 2, U Disl (Ger) 51.28.7; 3, E Dafovska (Bul) 52.10 6. 4, S Paramygina (Belo) 52.40 0; 5, Valentina Tserbe (Ukr) 52.53 3; 6, A Binard (Fr) 53.03 6.

BOWLS

PRESTON: Churchill Insurance world indoor championships (England unless stated). Singles: First round: M McMahon (HK) bt A Welch (Guern) 7-2, 3-7, 7-2, 7-1, J Price (Wales) bt P Foster (Scot) 7-3, 7-1, 4-7, 7-1; C Curtis (Aus) bt P Benner 7-3, 7-2, 7-4; S Rees (Wales) bt A Curran (NZ) 7-2, 7-0, 4-7, 7-5, R Corsie (Scot) bt R Morgan 7-0, 7-0, 7-2.

CRICKET

One-day international
New Zealand v India

NAPIER: (New Zealand won toss) New Zealand beat India by four wickets

INDIA

A D Jadeja run out	7
S R Tendulkar c Thomson b Morrison	13
N S Sidhu c Rutherford b Su'a	73
*M Azharuddin c Rutherford b Thomson	28
V G Kambli c Rutherford b Vaughan	17
M Prabhakar c Rutherford b Vaughan	2
†N R Mongia c Greatbatch b Larsen	4
A R Kumble not out	7
J Srinath run out	2
V Prasad low Morrison	0
V S L Raju b Morrison	0
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 3)	7
Total	180

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-22, 3-78, 4-104, 5-127, 6-138, 7-157, 8-160, 9-160.

BOWLING: Morrison 7 5-1-22-3, Thomson 5-0-29-1; Su'a 10-1-35-1; Cairns 8-1-17-1, Larsen 10-3-23-1; Vaughan 5-0-24-1

NEW ZEALAND

M D Crowe c and b Srinath	7
M J Greatbatch b Prabhakar	32
*K R Rutherford c Kambli b Raju	25
S P Fleming not out	68
C L Cairns c Azharuddin b Srinath	25
S A Thomson c Azharuddin b Srinath	0
†A C Parore c Mongia b Srinath	0
J T Vaughan not out	5
Extras (lb 2, nb 4, w 3)	9
Total (6 wkts, 32.2 overs)	182

G R Larsen, M L Su'a and D K Morrison did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-42, 3-103, 4-144, 5-144, 6-144.

BOWLING: Prabhakar 7-1-28-1; Srinath 9.2-1-52-4; Kumble 9-0-34-0; Prasad 2-0-11-0; Raju 5-0-35-1; New Zealand won by four wickets

Man of the match: Fleming.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (second day of four): Adelaide: South Australia 397 (P Nobes 101, D Lehmann 91, T Moody 4-51), Western Australia 271-7 (A Gilchrist 89 not out, T Moody 78) Melbourne: Victoria 233 (M Elliot 111), Queensland 155-3 (M Hayden 77 not out).

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Ireland 1 England 0 (Match abandoned after 27min).

COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Liverpool 1 Crystal Palace 0.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Swindon 0 Bristol City 3

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third division: Arbroath 3 Queen's Park 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Sittingbourne 0 Sudbury 4, Solihull 0 Gravesend and Northfl 0 Southern division: Salisbury 5 Bashley 0

FA TROPHY: Second round replays: Postponed: VS Rugby v Altrincham

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fourth round: Cardiff City 4 Risca 0.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: League cup: Third round second leg: Postponed: Cwmbran v Ton Pentre.

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round replays: Postponed: Monaghan v Douglas H; Cork v UCD

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton 3 Arsenal 3, Oxford Utd 6 Swindon 1. Postponed: Bristol City v Portsmouth League cups: Cardiff 0 Bournemouth 2. Postponed: Bath v Torquay; Cheltenham v Hereford, Plymouth v Exeter.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 0 Everton 0, Manchester Utd 2 Tranmere 1. Postponed: Aston Villa v West Bromwich Second division: Barnsley 3 Leicester 0. Postponed: Blackpool v Birmingham, Port Vale v Bradford; York v Middlesbrough.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Rossendale 3 Eastwood Hanley 6. Postponed: Holker Old Boys v Prescot

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Challenge cup: Fourth round: Bishop Auckland 1 Accrington Stanley 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Bridport v Torrington. Les Phillips cup: Postponed: Crediton v Tiverton

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Downton 1 Swanage and Herston 1. League cup: Quarter-finals first leg: Postponed: Fleet v AFC Lymington; Ryde Sports v Thatcham.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Woolwich v Old Roan.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST: League cup: Third round: Worsbrough Bridge 1 Lincoln 0; Brigg 4 Sheffield 3.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Southwick 1 Whitehawk 3. Postponed: Arundel v Portfield.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Twente Enschede 1 NEC Nijmegan 1; RKC Waalwijk 2 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1; Vitessé Arnhem 2 Dordrecht '90 0; NAC Breda 4 Utrecht 0; Feyenoord 2 Heerenveen 1; Ajax 1 Roda JC 1. PSV Eindhoven 4 Sperte Rotterdam 0. MVV Maastricht 0 Groningen 1.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Genoa 1 AC Milan 1.

PORTUGUESE CUP: Sixth round: FC Porto 3 Louletano 0, Benfica 3 Famalicão 1

SPANISH CUP: Third round, second leg: Real Betis 1 Athletic Bilbao 0 (Athletic Bilbao win 4-1 on agg); Real Mallorca 2 Toledo 0 (Real Mallorca win 3-1 on agg); Rayo Vallecano 1 Palamos 1 (Rayo Vallecano win 2-1 on agg); Real Zaragoza 1 Albacete 1 (Albacete win 3-2 on agg); Badajoz 0 Sporting Gijon 3 (Sporting Gijon win 4-1 on agg); Deportivo La Coruña 4 Lerida 1 (Deportivo La Coruña win 7-1 on agg)

GOLF

PALM DESERT, California. Men's tournament: First-round scores (US unless stated): 65: K Perry. 64: C Stranga, M Dawson, J Gallagher, R Freemen. 65: K Gibson, D Pruitt, K Fergus. 66: T Tolles, S Simpson, S Jones, C Parry, H Taylor, T Armour, F Funk, J Acosta. 67: D Duval, J Huston, S Gotsche, C Rymer, T Tyner, D Hommond, JL Lewis, T Simpson, A Magee, L Mize, G Boros, S McCarron, M Brooks, M Wurtz, L Rinker, P Goydos. Other scores: 68: G Waite (NZ) 69: Y Mizumaki (Japan). 70: Y Kaneko (Japan). 71: I Shinohama (Japan). 72: S Rintoul (Aus).

MELBOURNE: Men's tournament: First-round scores (Australia unless stated): 66: I Garbutt (GB), P Teravainen (US). 68: P Senior, R Allenby, T Watson (US). 70: D Cole, C Spence, R Swenson. 71: D Dunakey (US), R Farley, S Laycock, S Conran, Z Zorkic (US), J Daly (US), P O'Malley, D Smail (NZ), M Cain, M Stevens. 72: A Stolz, C Gray, W Grady, P Moss, R Whitlock, T Elliott, G Moorhead (NZ), J Moseley, J Senior, M Weir (Can). 73: M Ferguson, G Chalmers, P Fowler, J Woodland, L Parsons, P Powell (NZ), D Ferdon, S Owen (NZ), S Leaney, C Parry, R Stephens. 74: B Hughes, D Podlich, B King, M Allen, S Scahill (NZ), R Gibson (Can), T Gale, C Taylor, J Wagner, M Long, T Price, D Iwasaki-Smith, G Kenny, J Dawes.

JOHANNESBURG: Men's tournament: First-round scores (South Africa unless stated): 69: W Westner. 69: E Els. 69: V Phillips (GB), T Dodds (Nam), A Cejka (Ger), R Whitaker (US). 67: J Townsend (US) 68: J Johnson (US), W Bradley, M Board (US), W Schutte, B Lincoln, T Johnstone (Zim), M McNulty (Zim), J Hodgson (GB), P Wessels, G Turner (NZ). 69: P Dunn (US), I Spence (GB), G Reid, N Henning, D Carter (GB), S van Vuuren, D Pappas, N van Rensburg, R Stewart, J McHenry (Ire). 70: M Harwood (Aus), F Nobilo (NZ), W Riley (Aus).

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Civil Service 3 British Police 0; East under-21 2 British Universities B 2; East President's XI 2 British Universities A 1; London University 2 RAF 1; Civil Service 3, British Police 0

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Hartford 4 Montreal 1; Buffalo 1 NY Rangers 2; Florida 2 Ottawa 0; New Jersey 4 Washington 2; Toronto 1 Edmonton 4; Dallas 1 Los Angeles 3; Winnipeg 1 Detroit 5; San Jose 3 Vancouver 1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITH'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: England 19 France 16.

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Fourth round replays: St Helens 24 Wigan 40; Salford 62 Hunslet 10.

REVISED FIFTH-ROUND DRAW: Sheffield Eagles v Widnes; Hull Kingston Rovers v Whitehaven; Leeds v Ryedale York; Salford v Featherstone; Keighley v Huddersfield; Batley v Wigan; Warrington v Oldham; Workington v Swinton or Leigh.

☐ Ties to be played on February 25 or 26.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Bradford 18 Featherstone 24; Doncaster 14 Oldham 22; Widnes 23 Workington 0. Postponed: Halifax v Wigan; Warrington v Sheffield Eagles.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	19	18	0	1	686	258	36
Leeds	20	17	1	2	596	343	35
Halifax	20	13	1	6	539	346	27
Bradford	22	13	1	8	552	406	27
St Helens	21	13	1	7	585	423	27
Warrington	20	12	1	7	498	360	25
Castleford	19	11	2	6	502	377	24
Oldham	20	9	1	10	393	472	19
Sheffield	20	8	0	12	390	500	16
Salford	19	7	1	11	397	450	15
Workington	21	7	1	13	343	532	15
Wakefield	20	7	0	13	296	502	14
Featherstone	21	6	1	14	418	479	13
Widnes	19	5	1	13	225	462	11
Doncaster	21	5	1	15	348	625	11
Hull	20	3	1	16	364	575	7

SECOND DIVISION: Postponed: Dewsbury v Keighley.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Surrey 14 Royal Navy 17.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Second division: Postponed: Maesteg v South Wales Police.

CLUB MATCHES: Lydney 28 RAF 15; Neath 60 Tondu 7. Cancelled: Abercarn v Newport; Pontypridd v Penarth; Ebbw Vale v Blaina, Pontypool v Mountain Ash.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Daily Mail Under-15 Cup: Fourth round: Dulwich 52 St Peter's, Gloucester 3, Manchester RFC Schools; Semi-final: Stockport GS 20 St Mary's, Crosby 6.

SNOOKER

BOURNEMOUTH: Sweater Shop International Open (England, unless stated): Second round: N Bond bt A Jones 5-2; S Davis bt D Harold 5-3. Third round: Davis bt P Ebdon M Price bt D Morgan (Wales) 5-1; E Henderson (Scot) bt T Griffiths (Wales) 5-2; J Higgins (Scot) bt K Doherty (Ire) 5-0.

SWIMMING

MALMÖ: World Cup short-course meeting: Winners; Men: Freestyle: 50m: A Popov (Russ) 22.15sec. 200m: Dänyon Loader (NZ) 1.46.62. 1,500m: S Zesner (Ger) 14.41.02. Backstroke: 50m: J Rouse (US) 25.03. Breaststroke: 100m: F Deburghgraeve (Bel) 59.69. Butterfly: 100m: E Elasari (Nor) 53.81. Medley: 200m: T Szczhi (D) 1.59.47. Women: Freestyle: 100m: F van Almsick (Ger) 54.43. 400m: M Nilsson (Swe) 4.05.74. Backstroke: 100m D Komornicz (Pol) 1.00.59. Breaststroke: 50m: Elin Austevoll (Nor) 32.31. 200m: B Becue (Bel) 2.27.25. Butterfly: 200m: M Jacobsen (Den) 2.09.08. Medley: 400m: B Vestergaard (Den) 4.35.70.

TENNIS

PARIS: Women's indoor tournament: Second round: M Pierce (Fr) bt R Stubbs (Aus) 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; S Graf (Ger) bt Y Makarova (Russ) 6-2, 6-1; I Majoli (Cro) bt B Ritner (Ger) 6-3, 6-1; J Novotna (Cz) bt A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 7-5, 6-3; K Hrbaczkova (Slovakia) bt P Langrova (Cz) 6-3, 6-2; J Wissner (Austria) bt M Oremans (Hol) 6-4, 7-5.

MILAN: Men's tournament: Second round: P Korda (Cz) bt T Carbonell (Sp) 7-6, 6-3; G Forget (Fr) bt A Volkov (Russ) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; B Becker (Ger) bt R Agenor (Haiti) 6-4, 6-4.

OKLAHOMA: Woman's tournament (US unless stated): First round: L Raymond bt S Jayasekeri (Can) 6-4, 7-5. Second round: T Whitlinger-Jones bt A Temesvari (Hun) 6-2, 6-2; P Fendick bt E Reinach (SA) 6-3, 6-2; B Schultz (Holl) bt N Arend 6-4, 7-6; L Poruri bt K Adams 4-8, 7-6, 8-1.

MEMPHIS: Men's tournament (US unless stated): Second round: J Yzaga (Peru) bt B Dunn 6-4, 6-3; J Stark bt M Washington 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; M Filippini (Uru) bt M Rios (Chile) 6-4, 6-1; T Enqvist (Swe) bt A Jarryd (Swe) 6-3, 6-1; G Russell (Can) bt P McEnroe 7-5, 7-6; L Rehmann (Ger) bt J Eltrych (Holl) 7-6, 4-6, 6-2; P Sampras bt G Doyle (Aus) 6-1, 6-0; M Chang bt L Jansen 7-6, (7-5), A Krickstein bt B Gilbert 6-1, 7-6; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt M Goellner (Ger) 6-4, 6-4; J Palmer bt J Grabb 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; V Spadea bt M Tebbutt (Aus) 6-3, 6-4.

SUNDERLAND: LTA women's satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Quarter-finals: J Yi (China) bt K Warne-Holland 6-0, 1-6, 6-4; M Martins (Russ) bt N Egorova (Russ) 7-5, 7-6; O Ivanova (Russ) bt S Tee, 6-3, 6-1; S Gerke (Ger) bt J Durie 6-2, 7-5.

COVENTRY: LTA Men's satellite tournament (GB unless stated): First round: P Fracrickson (Swe) bt J Pelikan (Cz) 6-3, 6-4; S Suwandi (Indo) bt F Vegilo (Switz) 6-3, 6-2; D van Scheppingen (Holl) bt R Ellesson (Swe) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; K Flygt (Swe) bt G Van Derveeren (Bel) 6-2, 6-3; N Godwin (SA) bt J Carrasco (Sp) 1-6, 6-4; P Pala (Cz) bt T Kempers (Holl) 6-3, 6-2; P Hand bt F Cousin (Bel) 6-4, 5-7, 2-0 ret; R Matheson bt D van Uffelen (Bel) 7-6, 3-6, 6-4. Second round: T Zdrecila (Cz) bt Suwandi 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; Godwin bt Sygt 7-6, 2-6, 7-6; Pala bt Sop-Matheu (Fr) 6-2, 7-6; Hand bt Mathieson 6-3, 7-6; R Wassen (Holl) bt M Boodoo (US) 6-4, 6-3; P Fredriksson (Swe) bt A Strembini (Switz) 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; T Kelola (Fin) bt Van Scheppingen 6-7, 7-5, 6-2. M Nevarja (It) bt B Cowan 7-6, 6-3.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,725pts; 2, A Agassi (US) 4,000; 3, B Becker (Ger) 3,054; 4, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,806; 5, M Chang (US) 2,802; 6, Sergi Bruguera (Sp) 2,779; 7, A Berasategui (Sp) 2,470; 8, M Stich (Ger) 2,395; 9, S Edberg (Swe) 2,277; 10, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 2,165; 11, W Ferreira (SA) 2,070; 12, J Courier (US) 1,928; 13, A Medvedev (Ukr) 1,785; 14, Jonas Larsson (Swe) 1,597; 15, R Krajicek (Holl) 1,569; 16, T Martin (US) 1,584; 17, M Rosset (Switz) 1,534; 18, T Muster (Austria) 1,517; 19, A Gaudenzi (It) 1,439; 20, J Eltchin (US) 1,332; 21, P Rafter (Aus) 1,277; 22, J Siemerink (Aus) 1,266; 23, A Corretja (Sp) 1,255; 24, A Kholkhlin (US) 1,149; 25, P Korda (Cz) 1,144.

YATCHING

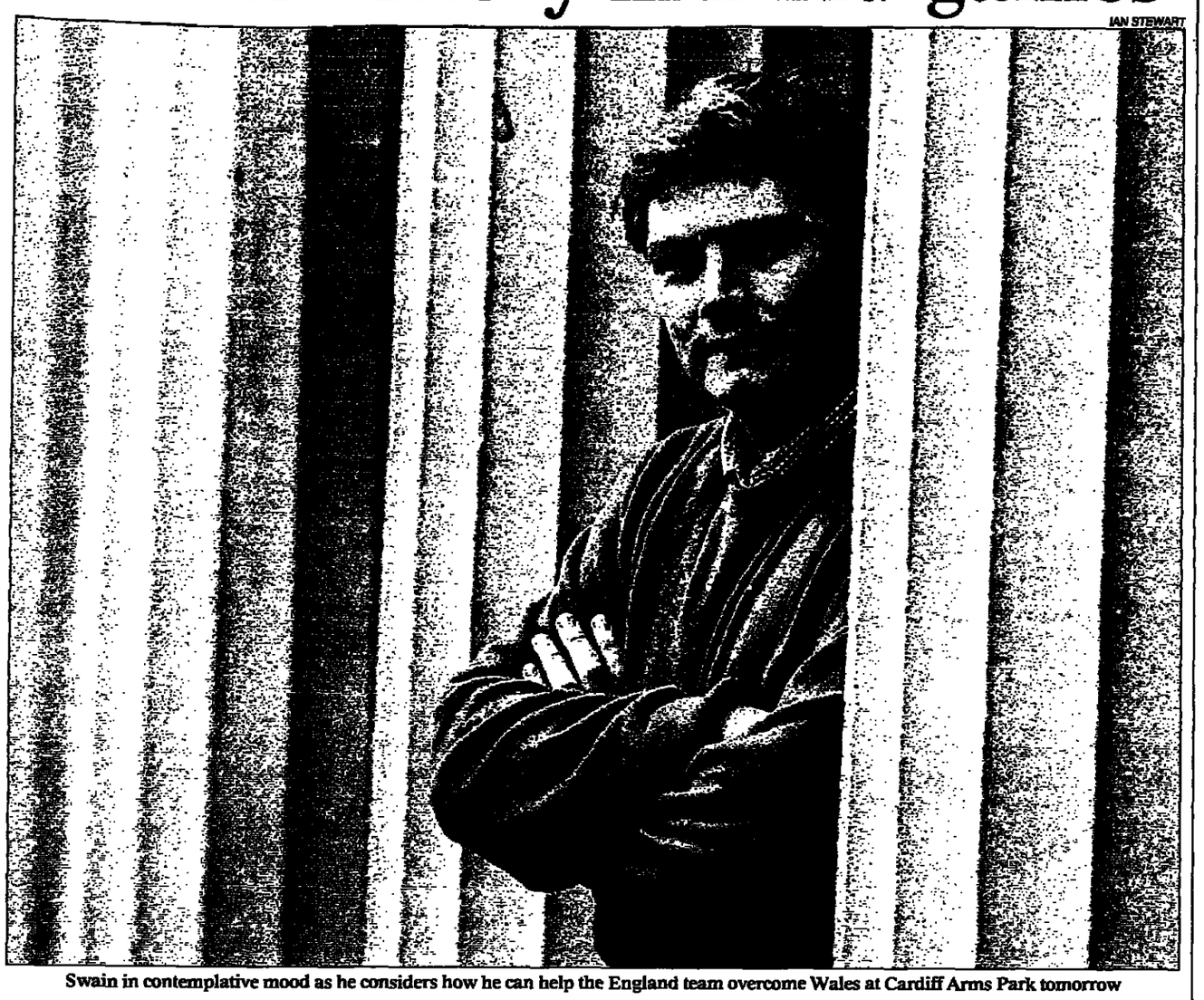
SAN DIEGO: America's Cup: Citizen Cup (Defender's series): America² (L Egmot) bt Stars & Stripes (D Conner) by 1min 28sec. Louis Vuitton Cup (Challenge's series): Sydney 95 (C Bissaker) bt Prada-Challenge 35: Team New Zealand (R Coutts) 3, Nippon (M Namba) 1-3, 4; Prada-Challenge (C Dickson) bt Rioja de Espana (P Campos) 2-3, Standings: Citizen Cup: Equal 1, Stars & Stripes and Young America 3pts; 3, America² 7, Louis Vuitton Cup: Team New Zealand 20; 2nd Nippon 17; 3rd Challenge 17; 5, one Abstention 15; 6, Prada-Challenge 10; 5, Sydney 95 8; 6, France² 7; 7, Rioja de Espana, 0

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Rowell turns to psychologist in attempt to give his team an advantage

England seek victory in mind games

David Hands discovers a psychologist at work in the England training camp


IAN STEWART

Swain in contemplative mood as he considers how he can help the England team overcome Wales at Cardiff Arms Park tomorrow

Four years ago members of England's squad were taken aback to receive their own cassettes of the Welsh national anthem. It was Geoff Cooke's way of helping prepare them for the "Cardiff experience" — a taste of the unique Welsh atmosphere which, along with a cast of distinguished players, has ensured that on only eight occasions have England won a five nations' championship match in the Welsh capital.

Rugby union is a conservative game. Its exponents, particularly forwards, enjoy their own individual or collective rituals before international matches, worked out by their own experience or traditions handed down by those who have gone before. Psychologists refer to the "peer culture", the herd instinct which distinguishes the game.

Cooke, then England's manager, did not expect all his players to dutifully play the tapes, but some did. He also changed their travelling routine, taking them into Cardiff in time to spend 36 hours absorbing the bustle on the streets before the match, the cheeky banter with Welsh supporters, the down-to-earth affection for the game which was, admittedly, at a low ebb that year.

The upshot was England's first success in Cardiff since 1963. The pragmatists may put that down to England's vastly-superior pack and the goal-kicking of Simon Hodgkinson but Cooke, ever seeking that extra percentage point which might give his team an advantage, may reasonably have felt that his limited venture into sports psychology had some effect.

Tomorrow England visit Cardiff again and this season they have taken the mind game a stage further by inviting Austin Swain, a lecturer in sports psychology at Loughborough University, to join the squad prior to each international. The invitation stemmed from Jack Rowell, the manager, and Swain produced a paper after the game against Ireland for the Rugby Football Union's technical staff to consider broadly speaking it dealt with what Swain calls the "macro and the micro role" of the psychologist.

The latter is concerned with the individual player who may wish, voluntarily, to take the opportunity which Swain's presence provides to discuss personal aspects of preparation. The former deals in a more holistic way with team attitudes and perceived lapses in concentration — what Will Carling has referred to as "cruise control" — during the game.

It is a novel path for senior rugby to tread. Swain, 31, was a useful back-row forward with Loughborough Students (whom he now coaches), Bedford (where he played briefly with Martin Bayfield) and Moseley before injury terminated his career five years ago. He has worked with England colts' teams but is aware of having to tread cautiously at this level, not to force himself upon experienced players, to ensure the discretion of any medical practioner.

What he offers may be comparatively old hat for individual sportsmen and women, the golfer, the tennis player, the athlete, whose self-awareness needs to be complete. The team ethic — particularly the British team ethic — may work against him, though not in the United States, where sports science is an everyday part of the collegiate as well as the professional sports structure.

"There is an awareness at the elite level of the need for that something extra which may make the difference," Swain said. "Technically and physiologically teams are very

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well matched, they have studied each other's tactics, but they may not always have the ability to produce under pressure. As rugby becomes more professional — with a small p — driven by the World Cup, the game may look beyond traditional methods."

In a some ways it already has. Jonathan Webb, the former England full back, was part of an elite group at Bristol University which applied psychology to their particular disciplines. Carling, the England captain, was a student of psychology at Durham University and the RFU will appoint John Elliott as a player development officer from July. He may be the main beneficiary of Swain's observations.

After the success against France, critics glibly spoke of the psychological block England appeared to have imposed. But what of their own dismal record in Wales? Has 1991 really laid the bogey? Swain emphasises the positive: seven of the team have enjoyed success there, six have yet to play an international there and are untouched by failure. The only exceptions are Ben Clarke and Bayfield.

"It's important there is an awareness of the hostility they could face from the crowd and the atmosphere generated but it's a case of not internalising that and just getting on with the job," Swain said. "You have respect for these elements and how they may help the Welsh team, but the point is not to be sidetracked by them.

"You can't control those outside elements, but you can control your own reaction to them. And any team that has aspirations towards winning the World Cup will have to conquer whatever is thrown at it."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Duff appeals against 'unfair' board ruling

MICKEY DUFF paid a heavy price last night for calling Chris Eubank "scum" before a world title boxing contest two months ago. Duff was fined £5,000 by the British Boxing Board of Control for bringing the sport into disrepute. He immediately branded the decision "unfair" and said that he would appeal. The incident occurred on the eve of Eubank's successful defence of the World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title against Henry Wharton in Manchester.

After a hearing in London, the board's general secretary, John Morris, said: "Mickey Duff was found to have breached Rule 25 in that the remarks he made brought boxing into disrepute with his personal attack on Chris Eubank. We always deplore personal attacks of this nature in boxing, but I don't wish to say a great deal more."

Duff said: "I feel I have been unfairly dealt with. There is one rule for Chris Eubank and one for me. If he can have freedom of speech, so can I."

Hardcastle bows out

SWIMMING: Sarah Hardcastle, Britain's leading distance freestyle swimmer, has withdrawn from the World Cup final in Germany this weekend on her doctor's advice (Craig Lord writes). An Olympic medal-winner at the Los Angeles Olympic Games, Hardcastle, 24, registered the third-fastest time in the world at 400 metres freestyle at the Sheffield round of the Cup last weekend, but complained of a sore throat and headiness afterwards.

Yesterday, she said: "It has steadily got worse all week and the doctor confirmed that it is a virus. I would hate to come up against on-form Germans in their own pool when I'm not 100 per cent fit." Mark Foster is Britain's best hope of success; he leads the sprint freestyle category and stands second in the butterfly group.

Illingworth resigns

CYCLING: Matthew Illingworth, the Olympic and world championship rider, has resigned from Chris Boardman's elite North Wirral Velo-Kodak team on the eve of the new season after a disagreement about which manufacturers' bike he would ride this year. Illingworth said: "The club went back on its agreement that I could ride bikes made by a central London company that has supported me since 1989 and insisted that I used another manufacturer's machine. I wasn't prepared to and will ride for a new local club near my home in Southend."

Blaisdell fined

ICE HOCKEY: Mike Blaisdell, the coach of Nottingham, has been fined £250 and told to apologise to Ken Taggart, the referee, by the British Ice Hockey Association's disciplinary committee for squirting water at him during a recent game. At a meeting of the disciplinary committee yesterday, Steve Harber, another referee, was suspended from officiating while an investigation is carried out into an incident that took place during a game at Telford on February 11, when he is alleged to have exchanged blows with a spectator.

Johnson takes lead role

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Brad Johnson, the Minnesota Vikings quarterback, will lead the offence of the London Monarchs when the World League of American Football returns in April. Johnson, 26, has been with the Vikings since 1992. After spending two years on the sidelines, he played last year in all their pre-season games, starting one, and in three National Football League games. The rest of the Monarchs are to be chosen at the league's draft, which is being held in Atlanta on Monday and Tuesday.

Tong looks to final

TABLE TENNIS: The British League champions, BFL Grove, will be led by their best international acquisition to date, Tong Feiming, of China, when they attempt to reach the final of the European Cup for the first time in Germany tonight. The much-improved Tong won the Panasonic Open in Tokyo last month and is considering basing herself permanently in England. Grove meet TSG Dulmen, who also have an outstanding Chinese player in their squad — the brilliant defender, Ding Yaping.

Higgins cuts fine figure as new cloth suits players

BY PHIL YATES

JOHN HIGGINS hit new heights of excellence as he trounced Ken Doherty 5-0 in only 74 minutes to reach the quarter-finals of the Sweater Shop international snooker open in Bournemouth yesterday.

Higgins, 19, outscored Doherty, the world No 7, 455-34, producing a performance which he had little hesitation in describing as the best of his short, but already highly-successful career. Having admitted feeling somewhat jaded after his recent involvement in the finals of the Regal Welsh Open and Benson and Hedges Masters, Higgins has found his second wind.

He monopolised the table during the first four frames as Doherty, the Regal Scottish Masters champion, went down to only his second whitewash in five years as a professional. The other was inflicted by Ronnie O'Sullivan.

The Scot opened with breaks of 104 and 101 before he added further runs of 80 and 78 to lead 4-0 at the mid-session interval. "John is playing some of the best snooker around; I was lucky to get nil," Doherty said.

Higgins will now meet a compatriot, Euan Henderson, the surprise package of the tournament, who beat Terry Griffiths, a former world champion, 5-2. Henderson, ranked 119th, has also eliminated James Wattana and Dennis Taylor on the way to the last eight of a world ranking event for the first time.

Quarter-finals are, of course, familiar territory for Steve Davis. The six-times world and United Kingdom champion, attempting to capture his 71st title, progressed thanks to a 5-2 victory over Peter Ebdon, in which his superior tactical awareness and patience proved decisive.

Ebdon, now beaten on five of his seven meetings with Davis, did not enjoy the best of fortune, but the majority of his mistakes were clinically punished by the leading player of the 1980s. Davis compiled breaks of 84, 51, 54 and 58 during his ninth successive win in a ranking tournament.

Mick Price, the world No 27 from Nuneaton, secured his biggest cheque of the season, at least £9,050, with a surprising 5-1 defeat of Darren Morgan, the No 8 seed. In the only frame he won, the third, Morgan constructed a 115 clearance.

The vastly-improved general standard of play was due in no small part to both tables being re-covered overnight. From being slow and unresponsive, they encouraged play of high quality.


Doherty: overwhelmed

World Cup reaches out to unconquered territory

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ENGLAND and Australia will kick off the rugby league World Cup at Wembley on October 7 and, should the seedings follow their course, meet up there again in the final three weeks later.

In between, the ten-nation jamboree will consolidate in the game's heartland, as well as reaching out to explored but as yet unconquered territory, in a hearts-and-minds exercise as much as a celebration to mark its centenary.

A television audience far exceeding global interest will watch in upwards of 70 countries. Although conspicuous by its absence at the official launch yesterday, the lack of a principal claimant to the £500,000 sponsorship rights was partly compensated by a parade of commercial partners.

Maurice Lindsay, the tournament director, said negotiations were ongoing, and he was hopeful of a deal for a main sponsor being concluded soon. After using Wembley twice, Lindsay said it was a necessarily bold step, whether the stadium sold out or not.

Compared with the nine past World Cups, the 1995 event in England and Wales is a more genuine global affair, with double the number of participants, although the competitiveness of such newcomers as Tonga, Western Samoa, South Africa and Fiji has still to be properly tested.

After Australia, champions the past three times, England have a straightforward passage into the last four past Fiji and South Africa. In their group matches, at Cardiff and Swansea, Wales encounter Western Samoa and France, whom they will meet in the deciding match of the John Smith's European championship in Carcassonne on March 5.

England, despite the involvement of three-quarters of the side in Wigan's Challenge Cup replay defeat of St Helens, retained their interest in that competition with a 19-16 dismissal of France. The Gateshead public turned out in reasonable force on Wednesday, and the reward is a World Cup match there between Australia and South Africa.

The futuristic McAlpine Stadium, Huddersfield, will stage two matches, including the second semi-final. Old Trafford will be the venue for the other semi-final.

☐ Leeds will be missing Harvey Howard, their England prop forward, when they attempt to displace Wigan at the top of the Stones Bitter championship tonight at Castleford, who have Dean Sampson back after suspension.

SCHEDULE

GROUP ONE: *Australia, *England, South Africa, Fiji.
GROUP TWO: *New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga.
GROUP THREE: *Wales, France, Western Samoa.
FIXTURES: Group matches: Oct 7: England v Australia (Wembley) Oct 8: New Zealand v Tonga (Warrington); Wales v Western Samoa (Cardiff); Fiji v South Africa (Keighley) Oct 10: Australia v South Africa (Gateshead), Papua New Guinea v Tonga (Hull), Oct 11: England v Fiji (Wigan), Oct 12: France v Western Samoa (Cardiff). Oct 14: New zealand v Papua New Guinea (St Helens); Australia v Fiji (Huddersfield) Oct 15: Wales v France (Swansea); England v South Africa (Headingley).
Semi-finals: Oct 21: Winners group one v winners group three (Old Trafford). Oct 22: winners group two v runners-up group one (Huddersfield).
Final: Oct 28: Wembley.
* seeded teams

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Igls	0	60	fair	varied	worn	cloud	6	14/2
(Upper slopes good, lower runs patchy; all six lifts open)								
Obergurgl	60	135	good	powder	good	fine	0	16/2
(Sunny afternoon skiing in 15cm of fresh powder)								
Schladming	30	90	good	heavy	fair	cloud	5	16/2
(Enjoyable skiing after light snowfall; 68 of 75 lifts open)								
St Anton	80	375	fair	varied	fair	snow	4	16/2
(High winds closing lifts: new snow on icy base)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	180	360	good	varied	good	fair	0	16/2
(Excellent skiing with improved visibility; 75 of 82 lifts open)								
Les Arcs	150	440	good	heavy	fair	cloud	0	16/2
(Pistes well packed by rain; best skiing in trees)								
Courchevel	155	265	good	heavy	good	snow	0	16/2
(Windy above 2,000 metres, causing lifts to close)								
Val d'Isère	150	355	good	varied	good	fair	-1	16/2
(High winds limiting skiing to protected areas)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	85	115	good	powder	good	fine	0	16/2
(Powder deep and plentiful after overnight snowfall)								
Grindelwald	20	150	god	heavy	icy	fine	3	16/2
(Excellent skiing above 1,300 metres; all 46 lifts open)								
Mürren	75	165	good	varied	good	fine	0	16/2
(Good skiing in afternoon; eight of 12 lifts open)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

WORD WATCHING

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ORTEGUINA
(c) In bull-fighting, a decorative pass made with the muleta; Spanish, from the name of Domingo *Ortega*(a) (born 1906), the Spanish bull-fighter who invented and made it famous, + *uina*. "Domingo Ortega introduced a variant in which the man passes his left arm behind his back and grips the lower edge of the cloth with his left hand. This was called the *orteguina* but is now generally called the *manoletina* owing to it having been popularised by the late Manolete."

RITUALIA
(a) Objects used in or connected with religious rites and ceremonies: the Latin plural of *rituāle* relating to rites or ceremonies.

PASTIE
(a) A covering for the nipple of a woman's breast, from the *paste* with which it is stuck on. "Miss Mason was lying on the floor with nothing on except the scantiest of brassières, known in the *trade as pasties*."

RETICELLA
(c) A lace-like fabric produced especially in Venice in the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries. Also used attributively to designate the *type of geometric pattern characteristic of this fabric*.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1. . . . Re2!; and if 2, Bxe2, then 2, . . . Qg2 is mate; otherwise, 2, . . . Rg2+ will be decisive. Less accurate is 1, . . . Qxd1; when 2, Qxc5 allows White to struggle on.

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A heavyweight story for country folk

Srikumar Sen gives Bruno's Puerto Rican challenger little chance at Shepton Mallet

LONDONERS cannot get used to the idea of Frank Bruno boxing tomorrow at Shepton Mallet. Pantomime in the provinces is one thing — three years ago, Bruno was appearing in Robin Hood at Bristol — but heavyweight boxing in the country is something else.

After years of bouts at leading venues in London and, occasionally, Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow, it seems a little strange to take Bruno from Hornchurch, in Essex, to the West Country to knock out, in a few rounds, one Rudolfo Marin, who has come all the way from Puerto Rico.

At first, after Bruno's defeat by Lennox Lewis and then his failure to draw a big crowd at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, when he met Jesse Ferguson, there were doubts whether Bruno could fill a top venue. So Frank Warren, who has prided himself in taking boxing round the country, decided to take the bout to the West Country because a medium-sized hall, with a capacity of 5,000, was available at Shepton Mallet. Clearly, Bruno had not lost his drawing power. A few days after the announcement six weeks ago, it was a sell-out.

Warren said yesterday that he could have sold the house three times over. "London isn't the be-all and end-all of boxing," he said. "Shepton Mallet is the centre point of the West County, and it's the biggest venue we could find down here. Our judgment has been vindicated by the fact that we've sold all the tickets. It's good for boxing to take fights round the country and let people see what's going on."

Bruno and Marin met for the first time at a press conference in Belfast yesterday, and aimed the usual threats at each other. Marin said that he has seen Bruno in action against Mike Tyson and was not particularly impressed.

Bruno countered with: "I haven't fought for a year, so I don't want to slip up. He'll find on Saturday that I am much faster than he is and much stronger in every department he wants to come in, even karate."

Marin was knocked out in two rounds by Riddick Bowe in 1991 and sent to hospital with a broken jaw. Most people believe that Marin, who has no ranking with any of the world bodies, will not fare much better against Bruno.

Second seed salvages dramatic victory from the brink of defeat

Pierce plays up to rivals' advantage

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN PARIS

MARY PIERCE seems yet to appreciate that she has made herself a legitimate target. As the drama queen of women's tennis, she has induced a widespread sense of irritation among her peers, and, as the holder of the Australian Open title, she is inspiring opponents to play well above themselves.

Pierce, 20, the second seed in the Open Gaz de France here, expressed surprise to be exposed to both developments in her opening match. She was taken aback first by the force of the shots struck and then by the criticism uttered by Renee Stubbs. A qualifier from Australia, Stubbs reeled off 11 of 13 games to stand on the verge of the most distinguished victory of her career late on Wednesday night.

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PASCAL GUYOT



Pierce hits a fierce return in the course of her second-round victory which attracted strong criticism from Stubbs, her qualifier opponent

Having led 5-1 in the final set, she claimed that Pierce's gamesmanship, combined with her own failing nerve, contributed to her narrow defeat, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

Pierce collects official warnings for time-wasting almost as a matter of course. She is not above exceeding the limit allowed for delivering a serve when holding match point, as was the case last month in Melbourne. Such theatricality is perceived by opponents as provocative and by the public as tiresome.

Natasha Zvereva, one victim, was applauded by the crowd at Flinders Park when she wiggled her hips and struck a flamboyant pose, mimicking Pierce. But the accusation of Stubbs was aimed at another less-than-sporting custom, which she subsequently agreed was scarcely unique to the Canadian-born French player.

At 5-5 in the third set, Stubbs committed three double faults which effectively cost her a place in the quarter-finals. "She was moving around on my second serves. For the No 3 player in the world to do that is pathetic. She shouldn't need to do it."Distracted by the tactic, she was broken and her displeasure was heightened by the unwitting intrusion of a cameraman.

Walking backwards down a corridor running round the indoor stadium, he inadvertently stumbled into the loser as he attempted to film the winner. Stubbs angrily pushed him away. Pierce ignored the incident and reacted as impassively when she heard the allegation which had been laid against her.

"I don't try to do anything purposely," she retorted. "I've played against her [Stubbs] in doubles when she's done the same to me, so I don't pay any attention to that." Nevertheless, she would be advised to restrict her histrionics, whether deliberate or not, if she wants to win over the public.

Other players, in spite of their reservations about Pierce's haughty arrogance, welcomed her triumph in Melbourne. It further refreshed a stagnant women's game, and it also set her up as one of the principal figures to be knocked down.

Stubbs's most notable scalp had been that of Zvereva, then ranked No 17. Feeling that she had nothing to lose, she exchanged pleasantries with members of the audience vociferously supporting her in between blazing an array of winners with her forehand and elegant, one-fisted backhand. "I was having so much fun out there," she reflected.

Until she was 5-1 and 15-0 ahead. "Someone shouted, 'only three more points', and things started to go through my head. The mind plays tricks on you, but I wasn't worried because I was breaking her so easily. She began to play better, and then I was thinking that I had to hold my own serve. She played the big points better than me. That was the difference."

Yet Pierce had exhausted her limited strategies, and felt powerless to alter the seemingly inexorable course of the improbable second-round match. "There wasn't much I could do," she conceded. "She was playing so well." Apparently effortlessly, Stubbs had closed a gap of 200 places in the rankings.

Pierce, as she checked the following day's order of play at midnight, was still in a state of bemusement. "Unbelievable," she muttered. "Unbelievable." For her own sake, she had better acquaint herself with the prospect of supposed inferiors being stimulated by her new stature.

RADIO CHOICE

Reading the future?

Kaleidoscope Feature: The Great British Library. *Radio 4, 9.30pm.*

It may turn out, decades ahead, that the misgivings that hang over this documentary like rain clouds were unwarranted. In other words, whatever the merchants of doom are prophesying, the British Library, painfully arising out of the mud of the old St Pancras marshalling yards, might turn out to be the ideal institution to take our literature into the 21st century. Meanwhile, we have this *Kaleidoscope* special which rehearses the arguments in the great British Library debate. If the library's reading room can ever hope to dislodge the British Museum's from our affections, it does not have to look like (in the Prince of Wales's words) "the assembly hall of an academy for secret police".

Mining the Archive. *Radio 3, 3.00pm.*

Most concertgoers have at least one imperishable memory. Mine is of the French cellist Pierre Fournier playing the Dvořák concerto in Croydon in the 1970s. I remember, in particular, the tear that rolled down my cheek in the exquisitely beautiful *andante as* Fournier played the tune Dvořák wrote in memory of the sister-in-law he had once loved passionately, and who was now dying. This afternoon's recordings of Fournier includes this glorious concerto which he recorded in 1977 with the BBC Northern under Dunoit. It also includes Bach's Suite No 3 for unaccompanied cello, and the adagio from Schubert's Piano Trio, D898.

Peter Duvalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa L'Anson **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection: a musical start to the weekend **10.00** John Peel: new music from Liverpool four-piece Mazey Fade and a repeat session from Calvin Party **1.00am** The IFM Rap Show, with Westwood

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Maestro: Musical quiz **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Treasure Island (6/10) **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Iain Anderson's Auld Alliance **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill, incl at **9.40** Video Review; **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Chain Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport **7.35** Alan Green's Sportstalk **9.05** Off Piste **9.35** Now the Good News **10.05** Stop Press **10.35** Financial Week **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Dee **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Samantha Mesh and Sean Bolger **10.00** Caesar the Geezer **1.00am** Wild Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** Russia's Runaway Revolution **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.07** Focus on Faith **10.30** World Ranking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.15** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Russia's Runaway Revolution **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** Russia's Runaway Revolution **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.15am** The Essential Quartan **12.30** From the Weeklies **12.45** The Learning World **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Worldbrief **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Penny Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Mark Griffiths **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Women's Studies: Public Voices **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Chopin (Ballade in G minor); Jonathan Krebs (Fantaisie in F minor); German (Gypsy Suite); Corelli (Concerto grosso in D, Op 6 No 7); Grieg (Andante con moto); Prokofiev (Symphonic Suite: Lieutenant Kijé)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Berlioz. Yan Pascal Tortelier introduces Berlioz, sacred and profane. Berlioz (Introduction; Kyrie; Offertory Motet, Messe solennelle; Dies Irae, Requiem; Dream of a Witches' Sabbath, Symphonie fantastique); Berlioz, arr Liszt (Idée fixe; Leslie Howard, piano); Berlioz (Fantasy on Shakespeare's Tempest, Lélio)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Stephanie Hughes in Belfast. Ibert (Hommage à Mozart); Mozart (Concerto in E flat for two pianos); Fauré (Cantique de Jean Racine); **10.35** *Artist of the Week*: Malcolm Proud, harpsichord. Handel (Suite No 8 in F minor); **10.50** Debussy (Danse sacrée et danse profane); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D); Berwald (Sinfonie singulière)
12.00 Voices: Ornate Songs (r)
1.00pm Chamber Music from Manchester, live from the Concert Hall, New Broadcasting House London Baroque. Schmelzer (Lamanto sopra di Ferdinando III; Sonata a 4, Lamento); Vivaldi (Sinfonias. in B minor; in E flat, al Santo Sepolcro); Baldassare Galuppi (Concerto a 4 in G); J.C. Bach (Quartetto D)
2.00 Schools: The Song Tree: 1, Music Course 1 — The Vanishing Hole **2.15** Together Stories **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner
3.00 Mining the Archive: See Choice
4.30 Music of the Silk Road: Songs and dances of the Armenians, Kurds and Azeris
5.00 The Music Machine: Sarah-Jane Morris looks at how the same piece of music can be arranged in different ways
5.15 In Tune: Rimsky-Korsakov (The Three Wonders, Tsar Saltan); Janáček (In the Mists, excerpts); Strauss (Symphonic Fantasy, Die Frau ohne Schatten); Miles Davis (Blue in Green)
7.30 BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Ian Marin; Delia Jones, mezzo. Ravel (Rapsodie espagnole); Chausson (Poème de l'amour et de la mer); **8.20** The Memoirs of Hector Berlioz: Daniel Massey reads from David Cairns's translation; **8.40** Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique)
9.40 Buongiorno, Tenore! John Dobson in conversation with Lynda Powell
10.05 BBC Singers: Malcolm Singer introduces and conducts *The Market Street*, by Hebrew composer Moshé Rasuk, and one of his own works, *Kaddish*
10.45 Friday Feature: Changing Conceptions of the Concert Hall: With Jeremy J. Beadle
11.30-12.30am Midnight Oil: Sarah Walker listens to Pat Metheny's latest album

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day, with the Rev Dr Robert Tosh **6.30** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Rabbi Hugo Gryn is this week's castaway (r)
9.45 Feedback: With Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; The Lion in the Sand (FM only): The British in the Middle East generally lived in isolation from the communities around them, but the diplomats of the 1950s and 1960s were an exception. In the last programme in the series, Gerald Butt charts Britain's withdrawal from the Middle East and assesses the legacy
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): *The Most Radiant Beauty*, a spiritual anthology
10.30 Woman's Hour: Introduced by Sheila McLennon. Serial: *The Odd Woman*
11.30 The Natural History Programme: Presented by Joanna Pinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Programme: Presented by Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Winter of Our Discontent, by John Steinbeck (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift: With Laurie Taylor
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Tim Marlow reviews Simon Gray's new play, *Cell Mates*, starring Rik Mayall and Stephen Fry. Plus views of the Willem De Kooning exhibition at the London Tate
4.45 Short Story: The Water Woman and Her Lover, by Ralph Prince. Read by Burt Caesar
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: With Christopher Serle
8.05 Any Questions? From Rowhedge, Essex, with Barbara Follett, Professor Norman Stone, Professor Anthony King and Mary Ann Sieghart of *The Times*. Chairman: David Dimbleby
8.50 Law in Action: with Marcel Berlins
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: The Great British Library (r). See Choice **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: News from Nowhere, by William Morris. Read by David Burke
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news and current affairs
11.25 Fourth Column: With Alistair Beaton and guests
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

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Corsie on course for another world title

BY GORDON ALLAN

RICHARD CORSIE, winner three times in the past six years, beat Russell Morgan 7-0, 7-0, 7-2 in the first round of the Churchill Insurance world indoor bowls singles championship at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday. The match lasted only 49 minutes — the shortest since the championship became a best-of-five-sets competition in 1988 — and took only ten ends, another record.

Corsie won both the first and second sets in two ends with counts of four and three. Morgan, the 1993 English champion from East Dorset, did not play badly but nothing ran his way and Corsie remorselessly took advantage.

Morgan battled on and picked up a couple of shots in the third set. But Corsie duly finished the job and now plays Cameron Curtis, of Australia, who defeated Paul Bennett, of Bodmin, runner-up in the English singles last season, 7-3, 7-2, 7-4.

Corsie said: "I just hope I can go on playing like that. It was an ideal start for me."

Morgan said: "Richard did not bowl a single loose bowl and never gave me the chance to settle. I was under pressure all the time. I went out determined to be positive but whatever I tried went wrong."

Paul Foster became the third Scot to lose so far in this tournament when John Price, the 1990 champion, beat him 7-3, 7-1, 4-7, 7-1. Foster, 21, an international from Irvine, said: "I woke up this morning and decided not to practise. It was as simple as that. I was very nervous at the start and couldn't get into the first two sets."

Price was pleased with his own form, in particular his ability to get his first bowls close to the jack. His next opponent will be either Ian Schuback, the 1992 champion, or Margaret Johnston, who meet today when women make their first appearance in this championship.

Andrew Curtain, a New Zealander who has been bowling for only ten years, never recovered from a bad start and lost to Stephen Rees, a former United Kingdom champion.

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Pleasure dome of eternal winter

From Euston Station you take a fast train to Rugby and transfer on to a local service which smells of desiccated coconut and chugs off to Stafford. Tamworth is the second stop. Tamworth is where they have built a snowdome — the first real snow indoor ski-slope in Europe. Tamworth was Robert Peel's constituency, here that the 46-year-old prime minister made his 1834 proclamation in acceptance of the Reform Act — which led to the emergence of the Conservative Party from the old Tory grouping and brought forth reform sceptics, who lost the whip and gave the young prime minister a hard time. Little has changed.

I have been to Tamworth twice: in the 1950s to speak for a neighbour who was the



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local member of parliament. "I do not share your politics," I had said.

"Just tell them what a good neighbour I am."

My second visit was to open a factory that processed sausage skins — casings as they are called.

"Snowboarding is the fastest-growing winter sport ever," it states on the handout; "a radical mix-down of surfboarding, skateboarding and skiing, it has captured the minds of adrenalin-seekers since the 1970s."

It is also, and I hate to write this because the folk at the snowdome were kind and hospitable, bade me make free with a buffet of cold meats and pickled onions, a sport that infuriates upmarket skiers who refer to practitioners of the radical mix-down as "grungey lager louts".

The indoor ski slope is a private enterprise addendum to Tamworth Council's leisure centre; it cost £9 million if my informant was telling the truth, is 120 metres long and the snow is produced on the premises.



It is mostly downhill for Steve Bailey, of Manchester, the British freestyle champion at snowboarding

How is that done? I asked. "How" is a secret; like the ingredients of Coca-Cola and Worcestershire sauce only three men know ... and they are not telling, and of course they travel in separate cars.

The men from Leamore Developments, whose biggest project this is, are quietly pleased with the way things are going; next month they open an Alpine restaurant which will serve fondues and jaeger teas.

They claim attendances of 500 punters per day paying £7.50 a head in the summer; well over twice that figure at a tenner each in season, like now. A refrigeration system has been installed under the piste, two or three tons of snow are added weekly.

Snowboards are not unlike surfboards. They have steel edges with footholds fitted at angles of 45 degrees for slalom, 75 degrees for descent and jumps. There is a newish contest called board o'cross in which four contestants race each other around a course of banked turns, obstacles and bumps which involves contact and villainy.

Boards cost upwards of £350 and the man from the BSA (British Surfboard Association) after consultation with his colleague from the ISF (International Snowboard Federation) believes that some 200,000 boards have been sold in the United Kingdom: 1.3 million worldwide.

Steve Bailey, 23, from Manchester, is the British freestyle champion: he wears loose-fitting, grungey clothes and a ponytail and as Tuesday was press day he made a number of elegant descents ending with sizeable jumps from a ramp.

A TV cameraman skied down the slope beside him filming as he went, reminding me of an occasion at St Peter's in Rome where Gigli, the great singer, hit a note higher than had ever been achieved by a tenor. In the breathless silence that preceded the applause a castrato monk sang "well done Gigli" one octave higher.

Becci Malthouse is probably our best woman: she comes from Chelmsford, began on the dry slopes, went to the Cairngorms then Italy as a chalet maid, became a ski instructor and took up "boarding" in 1990. "You get this buzz, going fast and being in control."

She agrees that snowboarders have not done themselves any favours, that the grungey loose-fitting clothes and the retro look give people the wrong idea, give the sport a bad image — perhaps because skiers think they can board; think it comes naturally to those who can move over snow but they are wrong: "You need to fall down 50 times before you have mastered the technique."

Boarding, she says, is harder work than skiing; you can't stand still on a board and you can only go downhill or jump but it is really fantastic on three feet of powder snow.

Are there any celebrity boarders? Not the Royals, not yet, but she has seen a picture of Sting on a snowboard.

In the bar overlooking the indoor piste there is food and drink. Small children sit at consoles playing not altogether benign Sega Megadrive 32X video games. Sega sponsors snowboarding.

Men with amazing haircuts drink designer lager from the bottle and on each table is a list of bar prices: no Gluhwein; the first item is garlick coffee. Garlick coffee is new to me. "What a good idea," as the Queen Mother would say. I sit back reflecting on how sadly out of date — what my children used to call "unwithit" I am, take another look at the rococo lettering and realise it is Gaelic coffee. Ah well.

Slough turn indoors for success in Europe

BY ALIX RAMSAY

SLOUGH leave the weekly grind of the national women's hockey league behind this weekend to focus their attentions on the European clubs' indoor championships in Rüsselsheim, Germany.

It is the first of their two appearances in Europe this season and the one for which they are least prepared. The indoor season in England is something of an afterthought, crammed into the end of the 2½ month winter break in the outdoor season. Most clubs regard it as an extra to the year's endeavours rather than, as in Germany, a significant event.

Slough's only competitive warm-up for Europe was at Crystal Palace in the national finals two weeks ago. Then, they reached the final, but were overwhelmed by Hightown. "We were disappointed with the way we played there," Karen Brown, the former captain of Slough who will be playing in Rüsselsheim, said. "We didn't deserve to win."

However, Brown still believes Slough are good enough to win a medal in Germany, despite the strength of the opposition. They are drawn in group B against Edinburgh Ladies, Victoria, from Holland, and Aldeasa Valdeluz, from Spain. The champions and home club, Rüsselsheim, are in the other group.

"It is a case of entering the unknown," Brown said. "We'll just have to see how it goes. It is a tough group. Edinburgh beat Hightown 7-1 last year and, although we don't know much about the Dutch, we do know they will be strong. If we can win our group and avoid the Germans in the semi-finals then we have a good chance." The last time Slough reached the European indoor championships, they came home with a silver medal.

At least they leave the rest of the premier division clubs to battle it out on Saturday safe in the knowledge nobody is likely to catch them. Three points clear at the top of the table, only Ipswich are within striking distance, but the Suffolk side would have to beat Sutton Coldfield by six clear goals to overhaul Slough's goal difference.

Sir, your lesson's interrupting my Walkman

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

It is strange that the schoolroom is so infrequently chosen for television drama and movies: on the principle of universal recognition, it could be a genre right up there with courts, prisons and hospitals. Yet I am generally *thankful that it's left alone*. For some reason, actors nearly always play teachers badly (by making them much too good): moreover, dramatising the passion of learnedness is a mug's game, because the intention is too worthy for the medium to bear. Whether it's Robin Williams in *Dead Poets Society* or Michael Caine in *Educating Rita*, that inspirational pedagogue thumps his desk and looks utterly phony; the bond he makes with his pupils is sentimental and make-believe.

Education dramas can be a turn-off for other reasons, too. Willy Russell's *Educating Rita* is, I think, unintentionally cynical about the goals of learning — it implies that education is purely (rather than incidentally) a passport to the middle class, and that a knowledge of Jane Austen just helps you make authentic "haw haw" noises at cocktail parties. Given this background, then, it is no wonder that the more successful school dramas (*Grange Hill*, Radio 4's *King Street Junior*, *Please, Sir*, *Heartbreak High*) forget all that starry-eyed guff about gently leading pupils out of a state of ignorance ("Sir! This Henry James is really *groovy*!"), and concentrate instead on staff-room intrigue and fourth-form soap opera.

Undaunted by this abysmal record, Jimmy McGovern's **Hearts and Minds** (which started last night on Channel 4) goes ahead and invents the genre all over again. Such courage alone is admirable. Just like every other hero, Drew McKenzie (Christopher Eccleston) arrives for his first day in an enormous, seething school, to meet embittered colleagues and recalcitrant kids. The corridors bulge with noise and activity; the staff room is an ante-chamber to hell; and the class listens to personal stereos during English. Just like every other hero, Drew lectures brilliantly, harnessing the kids' enthusiasm and controlling it for a few yards before they throw him off. But what makes *Hearts and Minds* more sophisticated than the norm is that although Drew is the central figure, we don't see the place entirely through his eyes — the shock (yawn)! the disillusionment (zzz)! *He is not just our nice man on the screen*. There is more going on than that.

Scenes are huge and crowded, piled-up trays and plates collapse at dinner time. This is an institution that thwarts everybody — the headmaster who wants a job at a better school (but is hampered by an unconventional marital arrangement with a young girl, *presumably a former pupil*); the acting head of English who misses promotion, and turns to violence. An old, idealistic teacher is reduced to vodka-swilling, staff-room bore and staggeringly lack-lustre classroom performer: played beautifully by Peter Halliday, he drones quietly at the front of his poetry class, as though talking earnestly in his sleep, while the kids pass notes and get on with other things. "Now, can anyone tell me what an iambic pentameter is?" says this sad old chap, but it's not a question, and he doesn't pause before explaining.

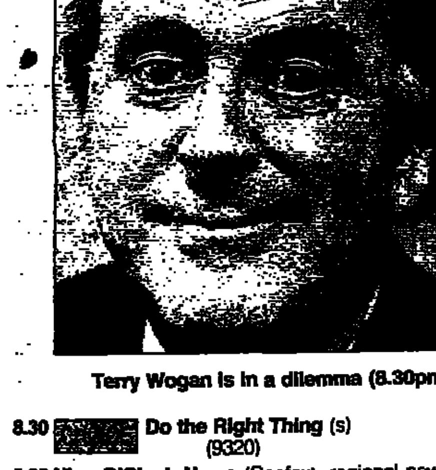
How idealistic is Drew? Will he end up like the others? Rehearsing for a job interview, he told his shaving mirror that education had changed his life; he wanted it to change other people's lives too. His central mission is to encourage a young Muslim girl to speak up in class. But he shows promising signs of realism, which will make *him more interesting*. *Crushed by* the burden of marking, he pragmatically takes a colleague's advice and simply ticks all the homework instead of correcting it. Asked how he feels about the school opting out, he says he can't afford principles. Meanwhile, despite everything I said earlier (about how nobody can do it), Eccleston comes across as a good, enthusiastic teacher, without being corny. His scene with the kids about the meaning of "Eyes as big as a football pool" was masterly.

Celebratory editions of **EastEnders** (BBC1) are generally a bit more focused than the 10th birthday last night, which was hardly a landmark. OK, the brattish Bianca finally caught boyfriend Ricky in the act of grazing on Natalie — I wish he'd stop doing that — but in terms of emotional depth, this particular love triangle was never a story to *compete with grand opera*. "Got a beer? I'm gagging," is the general quality of the romantic post-coital chat between Ricky and Natalie. "I love you, Ricky," Natalie has ventured a couple of times, her hands in her bomber-jacket pockets: at which the gormless lothario has tucked a strand of hair behind his ear and winced as though his brain hurt (alas, his everyday expression).

I had expected something more: after all, this is the start of a big week of reminiscence for fans of Albert Square, with quizzes, re-runs, *Pebble Mill* specials, and all. Just when you have trawled your mental gloop to picture the long-forgotten Jan (Ian's girlfriend! The older one! He was really horrible to her!), someone comes along and says "Mags" and the smile of triumph freezes on your face. It's going to be that kind of week, I'm afraid. Meanwhile, the bigger news last night was that the awful *Auntie Nellie has been awarded a* council flat, just at the point when her moral blackmail had started to work on Arthur and Pauline. Hoorah. For the audience, this news was like a great big birthday present, tied with bows. Was there a telephone vote, perhaps? If there was, I wish I'd known.

BBC1

5.40 Spirit of Islam (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7522543)
6.00 Business Breakfast (93833)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (62581036)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (9009727)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7002036) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick** (88644272)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1987562) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (2113104) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (75295494)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (47369)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (82013543) **1.50 Timekeepers**. Quiz game (s) (82024659)
2.15 Holiday (r). (Ceefax) (s) (711098) **2.45 The Flying Doctors** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2119140)
3.30 Cartoon (9440630) **3.45 Bitsa** (s) (9445185) **4.00 Jackanory**. *Tales from the Norse's Mouth* (r) (s) (4325659) **4.10 Rugrats** (s) (4016765) **4.25 The Borrowers** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2307036)
4.55 Newsround Extra. Chris Rogers meets the band Eternal in Germany (5560611) **5.05 Grange Hill**. (Ceefax) (s) (8111235)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (372369)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (494)
6.30 Regional news magazines (746)
7.00 Wipeout. Game show. (Ceefax) (s) (2765)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes Howard Stableford reporting from Israel on Project Savannah in which waste from molluscs is transforming barren soil into fertile land. (Ceefax) (s) (630)
8.00 The Unforgettable EastEnders: Michelle's Secret. The first of a season of classic episodes from the ten-year-old soap. (Ceefax) (8185)

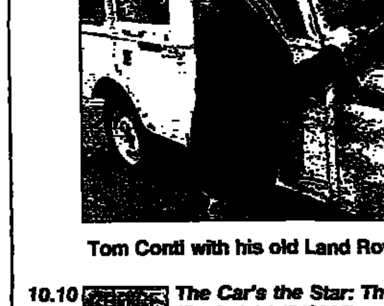


Terry Wogan is in a dilemma (8.30pm)

8.30 Do the Right Thing (s) (9320)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1630)
9.30 Dangerfield. Drama series starring Nigel Le Vaillant as a police surgeon. (Ceefax) (s) (887901)
10.20 FILM: Winter People (1989) starring Kurt Russell, Kelly McGillis and Lloyd Bridges. A widower living in the Appalachian mountains becomes romantically involved with a single mother, a relationship that leads to him becoming embroiled in a bitter blood feud. Directed by Ted Kotcheff (812253). **Wales:** Paper Dragon 10.50 A Wing and a Prayer 11.20 Winter People 1.05am-2.25 Film: Comedy of Terrors
12.05am FILM: Comedy of Terrors (1964) starring Vincent Price and Peter Lorre. Horror spoof about an undertaker who revives his ailing business by helping his customers into the grave. Directed by Jacques Tourneur. (Ceefax) (5528857)
1.25 Weather (4899012)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Technology (7567494) **6.45** Child Development: Simple Beginnings? (8936340) **7.10** Modelling and the Modelling Cycle (3386036) **7.35** No Lay-Bys at 35,000 Feet (2746524)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7401388)
8.15 Germany 1925-32: A Berlin Spring (8274562) **8.20 Boating Butler** (r) (7885524) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (2245765)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2041833) **2.00** Johnson and Friends (28107814)
2.10 Open View (41540340)
2.15 Sport on Friday introduced by Helen Rollason. **Bowls:** first round action in the Churchill Insurance World Indoor championships, from the Guild Hall, Preston, **Rugby Union:** a preview of tomorrow's five nations' championship matches; **Football:** a look forward to the FA Cup fifth round ties (s). Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (387185)
3.50 News (Ceefax) and weather (3777630)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (659)
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (543)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are Warren Beatty and Annette Bening. (Ceefax) (s) (4300185)
5.40 Miss-Takes. Classic clangers from the BBC archives (356456)
6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (805253)
6.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (r) (262340)
7.15 The O-Zone. Pop music (s) (473098)
7.30 Operavox: The Magic Flute. (Ceefax) (272)
8.00 Countrywomen: The High Flyer. A year in the life of falconer Emma Ford. (Ceefax) (s) (6727)
8.30 Geoff Hamilton's Cottage Gardens. Visits to *cottage gardens in Suffolk, Derbyshire and the Isle* of Wight. (Ceefax) (s) (8562)
9.00 Steptoe and Son (b/w) (r). (Ceefax) (9272)
9.30 Our Man in... Goa. (Ceefax) (s) (134456)



Tom Conti with his old Land Rover (10.10pm)

10.10 ***The Car's the Star: The Land Rover***. (Ceefax) (s) (243765)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (434253)
11.15 The Mrs Merton Show. Comedy starring Caroline Hook. (Ceefax) (s) (637843). **Wales:** Welsh Lobby 11.45 The Mrs Merton Show 12.15am Duckman 12.45-1.35 The Fugitive
11.45 Duckman. Adult animation (s) (242562)
12.10am Weather (1770470)
12.15 The Fugitive (b/w). Man-on-the-run drama series (r). (Ceefax) (415586). Ends at **1.00**

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CHOICE



Clive Anderson contemplates Goa (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Our Man In ... Goa
BBC2, 9.30pm

Our man is Clive Anderson and his mission is to travel the world and report on paradises in trouble. Given Anderson's jokey approach the result is not unlike the *Postcards* series of the other Clive, James. All the same there is a serious point beneath the levity as Anderson travels to the Indian state of Goa. In the 1960s it was the unspoilt mecca of the hippy movement, the cue for a David Attenborough impersonation as Anderson creeps through undergrowth to see whether any of the beautiful people are left. Goa now is being overrun by five-star hotels and golf courses, much to the distress of local villagers. Anderson takes up their cause, though his interview with the director of tourism is hilariously thwarted by a constantly ringing telephone.

The Car's the Star
BBC2, 10.10pm

Quentin Willson returns with six more motoring classics, of which four are British. With *the Land* Rover, tonight's star, patriotism goes to the lengths of playing Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance march, though thankfully without the words. But the Land Rover is worth celebrating and a 20-minute slot is hardly enough to do it justice. This go-anywhere vehicle was conceived after the Second World War when Rover needed an export model in order to qualify for scarce steel. Intended to last five years, it is still in production. Among those singing its praises are a Welsh farmer, Nancy Jones, who was one of the first customers, celebrities Tom Conti and Anthea Turner, and Tom Barton from the original design team.

Do the Right Thing
BBC1, 8.30pm

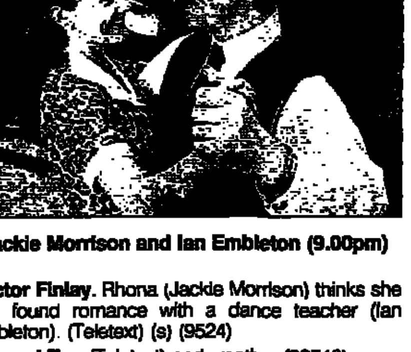
The moral dilemma show returns, hosted by Terry Wogan and featuring a celebrity panel but giving you and me at home the final vote. The question tonight is whether a teacher, thirtyish and unattached, and her 18-year-old pupil should have an affair. In real life it could be a painful matter, demanding the solemn attention of an agony aunt. But this is peak-time entertainment and the more laughs the better. Some of them come from the studio audience, ungallantly responding to a dramatisation of the couple's predicament. Others are supplied by the comedian Tony Hawks, who is joined by the chat show host Vanessa Feltz and Ken Livingstone, MP. Not to be outdone, Wogan essays a few quips of his own.

Operavox
BBC2, 7.30pm

Mozart's *The Magic Flute* is boiled down to half an hour and presented in drawn animation by Christmas Films of Moscow. The result is spikier and more unsettling than last week's painterly rendering of *Carmen*, though the level of invention is consistently high. Buffs might object that reducing a great opera to a cartoon is to trivialise it but they must concede the boldness of the images, the striking use of colour and composition and the unexpected juxtapositions. The dialogue belongs more to the 20th century than the 18th, but there is no tampering with the glorious music. Papageno is sung by Simon Keenlyside, Papagena by Rebecca Evans and the Queen of the Night by Jennifer Rhys Davies. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00 GMTV (1536017)
9.25 Chain Letters. Word game presented by Ted Robbins (s) (4896098) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2028982)
10.00 The Time ... the Place. Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (4152949)
10.35 This Morning (90296659) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1983746)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (4802253)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (4810272) **1.25 Home and Away**. (Teletext) (61476098)
1.55 The Chrystal Rose Show. Discussion series (s) (25030997) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (61887017) **2.50 Take the High Road**. Highland drama serial (9604678)
3.20 ITN News headlines (7356562) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7355833)
3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (9442098) **3.45 Warner Brothers Cartoons**. A Bugs Bunny double bill (r) (9430253) **4.00 Zzzap!** (s) (4087253) **4.15 Tiny Toon Adventures** (7181712) **4.40 Tales from the Cryptkeeper: Gorilla's Paw** (s) (3637302)
5.10 After 5 (1266104)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (343982)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (832307)
6.25 London Tonight presented by Lindsay Charlton and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (524727)
7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. Game show for couples. (Teletext) (7833)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (758)
8.00 The Bill: High Score. Deakin, bemused by the world of computers, persuades a schoolboy to help him solve a case. (Teletext) (3253)
8.30 The Upper Hand. Role reversal comedy series starring Joe McGann and Diane Weston. (Teletext) (s) (2388)

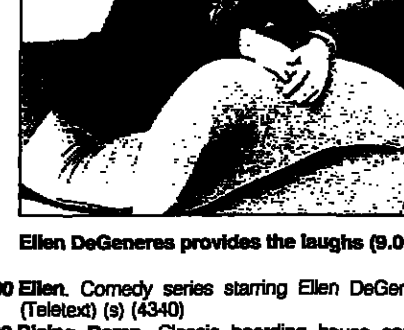


Jackie Morrison and Ian Embleton (9.00pm)

9.00 Doctor Finlay. Rhona (Jackie Morrison) thinks she has found romance with a dance teacher (Ian Embleton). (Teletext) (s) (9524)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (96746)
10.30 FILM: Nightmare (1991) starring Victoria Principal, Paul Sorvino and Jonathan Banks. Thriller about a single mother whose life is shattered when her daughter is kidnapped by a killer. In her time of need she enlists the help of a veteran policeman who has his own methods of dealing with the crisis. Directed by John Pasquin (91359611)
12.20am London Tonight (Teletext) (2181963)
12.30 One to One. Belinda Carlisle is interviewed by Gary Davies (3212055)
1.05 The James Whale Show. Entertainment, discussion and interviews (s) (5483708)
2.05 The Chart Show (s) (6635050)
3.00 Noisy Mothers. Rock and heavy metal music magazine (s) (4294383)
3.55 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8623692)
4.30 The New Music (62050)
5.30 ITN Morning News (25302). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Sandokan (r) (8947456)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (53920)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (36433)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (5296982) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (5224765) **10.00** Fourways Farm (7086098) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (4723701) **10.25** Eurokids (5681366) **10.40** Off Limits (3749272) **11.05** Schools at Work (9492901) **11.11** Time for Maths (2881475) **11.22** Stage One (2861611) **11.40** How We Used to Live (s) (3165388)
12.00 Profiles of Nature: Hawks. (r) (93659)
12.30 Sesame Street (62920) **1.30 The Magic Roundabout** followed by **The Wombles**, **Paddington** and **The Clangers** (24371140)
1.55 Papageno. An animated tribute to Mozart's "Bird Catcher", made in 1935 (71843949)
2.10 FILM: The Golden Salamander (1949, b/w) starring Trevor Howard, Anouk Aimée and Herbert Lom. Tunisia-based adventure yarn about an archaeologist who becomes involved with gun-runners. Directed by Ronald Neame (131479)
4.00 The Bevin Boys. A documentary about the 22,000 Second World War conscripts who were chosen by ballot from 1943 to work the coal mines instead of serving in the Armed Forces (r). (Teletext) (727)
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (611)
5.00 Cutting Edge: A is for Accident (r). (Teletext) (4746)
6.00 Blossom (r). (Teletext) (s) (104)
6.30 Moviewatch. Moviegoers in Inverness review the latest releases (s) (456)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (476901)
7.50 You Don't Know Me But... (434369)
8.00 The 3,000 Mile Garden. Leslie Land cools off *under her solar-heated open air shower while Roger* Phillips awaits the Westminster in Bloom awards. (Teletext) (s) (4123)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (3630)



Ellen DeGeneres provides the laughs (9.00pm)

9.00 Ellen. Comedy series starring Ellen DeGeneres. (Teletext) (s) (4340)
9.30 Rising Damp. Classic boarding house comedy starring Leonard Rossiter (r). (Teletext) (13901)
10.00 Roseanne. (Teletext) (s) (94388)
10.30 Jo Brand Through the Cakehole. The comedienne is joined by Don Henderson and Jim Sweeney (r). (Teletext) (s) (724388)
11.05 The Word (s) (785524)
12.05am Beavis and Butthead (s) (3342437)
12.40 FILM: Candy Mountain (1987) starring Kevin S. O'Connor and Harris Yulin. A road movie about a rock star has-been who sets out to find a legendary guitar maker who disappeared from the scene 20 years ago. Directed by Robert Frank and Rudy Wurlitzer (183857)
2.20 FILM: The Lone Wolf Keeps a Date (1940, b/w) starring Warren William and Frances Robinson. Thriller in which the thief-turned-sleuth rescues a woman from the grip of gangsters and helps her *secure the release of a kidnapped millionaire*. Directed by Sidney Salkow (5346654). Ends at **3.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (2028982) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (1983746) **1.55** The Young Doctors (82018098) **2.20** Gardens without Borders (61879098) **2.50-3.20** Wish You Were Here...? (9604678) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (7355833) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1266104) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (524727) **10.30** Anglia News (544272) **10.40** Love Call Live (100659) **11.40** Bodies of Evidence (793678) **12.35am** The Hidden Room (2482128) **1.00** The New Music (61876) **2.00** The James Whale Show (8643079) **2.55** Noisy Mothers (8411296) *4.00 Cue the Music (74895)* **5.00-5.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (68654)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (2028982) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News, and Weather (1983746) **1.55** A Country Practice (82018098) **2.20** Wish You Were Here...? (61879098) **2.50** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (7886340) **3.15-3.20** The Cookery Club (7366949) **3.25-3.30** Central News (7355833) **5.10-5.40** Eye TV (1266104) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (524727) **10.30** Central News and Weather (544272) **10.40** Central Weekend (6111098) **12.10am-1.05** Renegade (7735418) *4.25 Jobfinder* (7183215) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8766673)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (2028982) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (1983746) **12.55** Shortland Street (4810272) **1.25** Home and Away (30489456) **1.50** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (7767098) **2.50-3.20** Gardeners' Diary (9604678) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (7355833) **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road (1266104) **6.25** Granada Tonight (912017) **6.50** Kick Off (877765) **7.00-7.30** Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right (7833) **8.30-9.00** The Upper Hand (2388) **10.00** News at Ten, Weekend Weather (96746) **10.30** Granada News (544272) **10.40** Up Front (100659) **11.40** The Equalizer (793678) **12.35am** Grapevine (1787760) **1.05** The James Whale Show (5483708) **2.05** The Chart Show (6635050) **3.00** Noisy Mothers (4294383) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8623692) **4.30-5.30** The New Music (62050)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 High Road (25030997) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (2482746) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1266104) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (814) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (544272) **10.40** Late and Live (9825272) **12.05am-1.05** Father Dowling Investigates (7719470)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (814) **10.40** False Witness (91379475) **12.35am-1.05** The Hidden Room (1787760)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (82018098) **2.20-2.50** Houseparty (61879098) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1266104) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (10814) **10.40** Ski-Time (913369) **11.10** Search for the Nightstalker (577678) **1.00am** The New Music (61876) **2.00** The James Whale Show (6643079) **2.55** Noisy Mothers (8411296) **4.00** Cue the Music (74895) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (68654)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.20pm Westcountry News (1992494) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1991765) **1.55** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (7766369) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (7885811) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (7355833) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1266104) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (10814) **10.30** Westcountry News (544272) **10.40-1.05pm** Rollerball (46099920)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (82018098) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (2492123) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1266104) **5.55** Calendar (804340) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps (814) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (544272) **10.40** Music and Movies (913369) **11.10** The Hidden Room (907727) **11.40** Shampoo (899562) **1.40am** The James Whale Show (6844234) **2.40** The Big E (2263925) **3.35** The Story Of Steam (8610128) **4.10** Shift (7104708) **5.00-5.30** Sportsworld (68654)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (53920) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (36433) **9.30** Ysgolion (294659) **12.00** Profiles Of Nature: Hawks (93659) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (33765) **1.00** Sesame Street (21920) **2.00** Ramrod (531415) **3.50** The Chestnut Nut (2371611) **3.55** The Pulse (8050746) **4.30** Saved By The Bell: The College Years (611) **5.00** 5 Pump (5611) **5.30** Countdown (291) **6.00** Newyddion (263253) **6.15** Heno (254456) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5475) **7.30** Penwythnos **7.50** Pobol Y Cwm (5475) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad Len Howells Mawr (340) **8.30** Newyddion (3630) **9.00** Pawb A'I Farn (636123) **9.45** Out Of Order (918307) **10.00** Brookside (94388) **10.30** Jo Brand Through the Cakehole (724388) **11.05** The Word (785524) **12.05am** Beavis and Butthead (3342437) **12.40** Candy Mountain (183857) **2.20** Film: The Lone Wolf Keeps A Date (5346654)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (21388) **8.00** Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (2035543) **8.45** Oprah Winfrey (1718765) **9.35** Card Sharks (1274253) **10.00** Concentration (5871036) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7135659) **10.30** Candid Camera (20727) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (49433) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (44307) **12.30pm** E Street (53543) **1.00** St Elsewhere (58098) **2.00** I'll Take Manhattan (50369) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (1842920) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (4451475) **4.30** Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (4611) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4524) **6.00** Gamesworld (5104) **6.30** Blockbusters (6456) **7.00** E Street (5253) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5340) **8.00** *Andrew Newton (4901)* **8.30** *Coppers (3036)* **9.00** Chicago Hope (54807) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (95164) **11.00** David Letterman (681369) **11.45** Littlejohn (393727) **12.30am** Chances (81654) **1.30** Night Court (64499) **2.00-6.00** Hitmix Long Play (5358895)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (9863253) **9.30** Worldwide Report (24833) **10.30** ABC Nightline (28369) **11.00** News (704611) **1.30pm** CBS News (96562) **2.30** Parliament Live (27611) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (7562) **5.00** Live at Five (2051475) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (449562) **8.00** *News (19123)* **9.00** The O.J. Simpson Trial (5407765) **12.30am** ABC News (89296) **1.30** *Financial Times* Reports (79876) **2.30** Parliament Replay (20499) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (25944) **4.30** CBS News (86654) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (50012)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (2941320) **10.00 The Legend of Wolf Mountain** (1992) (64659) **12.00 The Adventures of the Wilderness Family** (1975) (57272) **2.00pm Six Pack** (1982) (92456) **4.00 Thicker Than Blood** (1993) (1992) As 10am (37309920) **7.40 US Top Ten** (716340) **8.00 Man Trouble** (1992) (30531441) **9.45 Appointment for a Killing** (1993) (138543) **11.20 Karate Cop** (1992) (430833) **12.55am Dirty Mary, Crazy Larry** (1974) (729708) **2.30 The Murders in the Rue Morgue** (1971) (98128) **4.00-5.30 Timebomb** (1991) (34234)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Babette's Feast (1987) (78814) **8.00 Lonely Are the Brave** (1962) (80659) **10.00-12.00 Dracula AD 1972** (1972) (33253)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Man Who Never Was *(1956)* (27061185) **7.45 The Three Musketeers** Animation (4963920) **8.40 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds** (1981) (22435307) **10.20 The Treasure of Swamp Castle** (1987) (5812920) **11.50 Man's Favourite Sport** (1964) (96781272) **2.00pm Tommy Tricker and the Stamp Traveller** (1987) (662253) **3.45 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds** (1981) As 8.40am (567017) **5.30 Shadow of a Doubt** (1943) (31814) **7.30 The Movie Show** (8678) **8.00 Mood Indigo: Mind of a Killer** (1992) (93363340) **9.35 Sniper** (1992) (851982) **11.15 Hard Boiled** (1992) (94310982) **1.25am Cyborg 2** (1993) (264437) **3.05 Mom** (1989) (864147) **4.40-6.10 The Treasure of Swamp Castle** (1987). As 10.20am (1052234)

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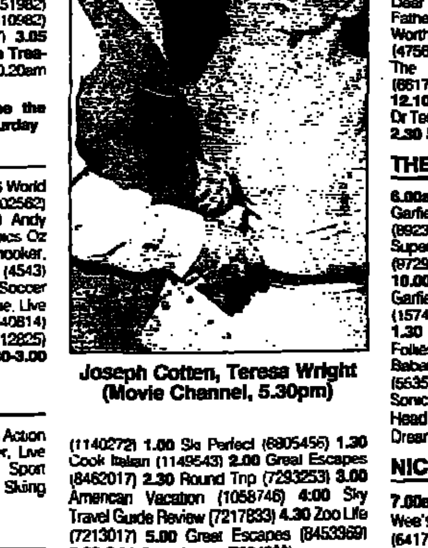
SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (4314299) **7.15** World Wrestling Federation Action Zone (502562) **8.15** Soccer News (2442524) **8.30** Andy Gray's Bootroom (20746) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (82494) **10.00** International Snooker, Live (3521307) **5.00** Rugby Union (4543) **5.30** World Soccer (5901) **6.00** Sky Soccer Weekend (61901) **7.00** The Big League, Live (998366) **9.30** Ringside on the Road (40814) **11.30** Sky Soccer Weekend (12825) **12.30am** The Big League (45166) **2.30-3.00** World Soccer (59128)

SKY SPORTS 2
6.00am Max Out (7294982) **6.30** NBA Action (7218562) **7.00** International Snooker, Live (5312185) **11.00** Gillette World Sport (1038982) **11.30-12.00** Freestyle Skiing (2527340)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Tennis (49765) **8.00** Eurofun (25611) **8.30** Snowboarding (24982) **9.00** Figure Skating (11122) **10.30** Live Alpine Skiing (92123) **12.30pm** Live Freestyle *Skiing (82746)* **2.30** *Figure Skating (78494)* **4.30** Alpine Skiing (16543) **5.30** International Motorsports (27271) **6.30** Live Equestrianism (10982) **8.30** News (7630) **9.00** Boxing (38272) **11.00** Supercross (46678) **12.00-12.30am** News (15963)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (6192901) **8.30** Peyton Place (6191272) **9.00** As the World Turns (6714320) **10.00** Guiding Light (6814104) **11.00-12.00** Another World (6894340)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 *Getaway (8102388)* **12.30pm** Zoo Life



Joseph Cotten, Teresa Wright (Movie Channel, 5.30pm)

(1140272) **1.00** Ski Perfect (8805456) **1.30** Cook Italian (1149543) **2.00** Great Escapes (8462017) **2.30** Round Trip (7233253) **3.00** American Vacation (1058746) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide Review (7217833) **4.30** Zoo Life (7213017) **5.00** Great Escapes (8453369) **5.30-6.00** Cook Italian (7204369)

TLC
9.00am A Brush with Ashley (2040272) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (1090630) **10.00** Talking Heads (4988388) **10.30** Only Human (1954814) **11.15** Draw with Don (35413456) **11.30** Life (4884185) **12.00** The Famine Within (4423017) **12.45pm** Draw with Don (46141712) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (6372122) **1.30** A Brush with Ashley (1000017) **2.00** Parents Talking (4755368) **2.30** Discovering Psychology (2774036) **3.00** Mushroom Magic (4767104) **3.30-4.00** Secret Life of Machines (2746253)

UK GOLD
7.00am Give Us a Clue (9627299) **7.30** Neighbours (6323164) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2069307) **8.30** EastEnders (2068678) **9.00** The Bill (2042630) **9.30** All *Creatures Great and Small (4505475)* **10.30** Casualty (6010104) **11.30** No Place Like Home (4888543) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2062494) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1008104) **1.00** EastEnders (4572140) **1.30** The Bill (1002475) **2.00** Dear John (4757727) **2.30** Just Good Friends (2776494) **3.00** Knots Landing (4897659) **4.00** Dallas (4809494) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4871543) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (9947678) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (9230036) **6.30** EastEnders (2768476) **7.00** Dear John (4751543) **7.30** Father, Dear Father (2764659) **8.00** My Name Is Harry Worth (4760291) **8.30** Fresh Fields (4756098) **9.00** Casualty (9104982) **10.00** The Bill (2063123) **10.30** Miami Vice (6617369) **11.30** Top of the Pops (9020253) **12.10am** Dr Who (2509470) **12.40am** FILM: Dr Terror's House of Horror (1965) (4400429) **2.30** Shopping (4571418)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (1349340) **6.55** Garfield (9823017) **7.25** Eek the Cat (9923104) **7.55** Pugwall (3541369) **8.25** Super Mario (1013017) **8.45** Casper (9729949) **9.00** Sesame Street (23524) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (24494) **12.00** Garfield (86746) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (15746) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (96494) **1.30** Super Mario (44873773) **1.45** Baby Follies (77281956) **2.00** Barney (4949) **2.30** Babar (5543) **3.00** Casper and Friends (5535920) **3.15** Bill and Ted (448765) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (447036) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1929765) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (5307)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive! (6444551) **7.15** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (500104) **8.15** Doug (641765) **8.45** Nickalive! (9780949) **9.00** Nick Junior (320833) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (31272) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (51524) **1.00** Smoggies (32475) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (83123) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (1833) **2.30** Galaxy High School (9727) **3.00** Killer Tomatoes (3140) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (4272) **4.00** Doug (3307) **4.30** Rugrats (2291) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (2185) **5.30** Secret World of Alex Mac (541562) **5.45** Rugrats (809098) **6.00** Grimmy (7776) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark?

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Earth Tremors (4807036) **5.00** Biography (7131746) **5.55** California Off Beat (7313659) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (8632630) **7.00** Charlie Bravo (4759185) **7.30** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (2755901) **8.00** Jurassica (4768833) **8.30** Terra X (4747340) **9.00** Islands of the Pacific *(7953678)* **9.50** *Man Eaters (3154630)* **10.00** Future Quest (2061765) **10.30** Next Step (2047185) **11.00** First Flights (4808765) **11.30-12.00** The X-Planes (4977272)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM. Passage Home (1955) (4995678) **2.00pm** The Avengers (4976543) **3.00** Rat Patrol (4754630) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (2773307) **4.00** FILM: The Borrowers (1973) (5754901) **5.30** Drama Classics (2772678) **6.00** The Protectors (2782291) **6.30** Edgar Wallace (2002746) **7.30** Saber of London (2759727) **8.00** The Avengers (9119814) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (9139678) **10.00-12.00** FILM. Porky's II (1983) (4881098)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (5955833) **7.00** Living (1197475) **8.00** Family Matters (3522494) **8.30** Rendezvous (3521765) **9.00** All Well and Good (3512017) **9.30** Kate and Allie (3490340) **10.00** Now You See It (8094098) **10.30** Susan Powter (3501901) **11.00** Young and Restless (2563320) **12.00** Marco (7973036) **12.35pm** Rendezvous (78948253) **1.05** Kilroy (7805765) **2.00** Agony Hour (8095727) **3.00** Living (8336340) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (38333814) **4.00** Infatuation (6840098) **4.30** Crosswits (38452630) **4.55** A Cook's Tour of France (6463098) **5.30** New Mr and Mrs Show (6853562) **6.00** Susan Powter (6850475) **6.30** Infatuation (6841727) **7.00** Living (7466036) **8.00** Young and Restless (7442456) **9.00** FILM: Shattered Spirits (1986): With Martin Sheen (7445543) **11.00** Sex and Sensuality (4029475) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (8083982)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Danger Mouse (8901) **5.30** Blade Warriors (395235) **6.25** All Clued Up (237814) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (8765) **7.30** My Two Dads (8036) **8.00** Anne of Green Gables — The Sequel (82017) **9.00** Moonlighting (62253) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (67475) **10.30** GP (98123) **11.00** Lou Grant (73543) **12.00** Rhoda (57963) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (12302) **1.00** Danger Mouse (20370) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (44673) **2.00** Moonlighting (89654) **3.00** Lou Grant (41031) **4.00** Rhoda (96673) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (22963)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (64383) **6.30** The Grind (46901) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (38315) **8.00** VJ Ingo (236920) **11.00** Soul (94036) **12.00** Greatest Hits (96611) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (914901) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (5282272) **3.45** *Cinematic (5287727)* **4.00** News (1908272) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1921123) **4.30** Dial MTV (7765) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (76369) **7.00** Greatest Hits Hip Hop Special (75727) **8.00** Most Wanted (20949) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (97340) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (224765) **10.15** Cinematic (212920) **10.30** News (355340) **10.45** 3 from 1 (383123) **11.00** Party Zone (38630) **1.00am** Soul (65215) **2.00** The Grind (14079) **2.30** Night Videos (7611050)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (6804727) **9.00** Cafe (6229920) **12.00** The Bridge (5675497) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (1333272) **2.30** Heart and Soul (2475543) **3.30** Into the Music (9162825) **6.00** Prime Cuts (1167949) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8540291) **8.00** Soul (8526611) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8546475) **10.00** Jonathan Ross Presents (8105475) **10.30** Old Grey Whistle Test (6114123) **11.00** Around and Around (6817291) **12.00** The Nightfly (4907692) **2.00am** Ten of the Best (9615128) **2.30-7.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including at **5.00** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (56299) **7.00** Asian Morning (18388) **8.30** Buniyaad (79456) **9.00** Pakistani FILM: Pakeezah (977765) **12.00** Ghar (21307) **1.00pm** Hindi FILM: Hamnara Khandaan (867814) **4.00** Desh (53017) **5.00** Buniyaad (2727) **5.30** TVA and You (3185) **6.00** Poornata (7776) **6.30** Pudhu Paadal (4036) **7.00** Zabaan Sambhal Ke (2949) **7.30** Junoon (3920) **8.00** News Bulletin (8369) **8.30** Kissa Shanti Ka (3384) **9.00** Hindi FILM: Hasu (51123) **10.00** Asian Morning (21982) **11.00** Sight and Sound (7805369)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: The Friday Feature
7.00pm The White Cliffs of Dover (1944) (85425982) **10.00 Flareup** (1969) (49579678) **11.45 Space Ghost Coast to Coast** (70011307) **12.00 The Asphyx** (1972) (65589505) **1.45-5.00am La Fin du Jour (The End of the Day)** (1938) (89478437)

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FA pledges inquiry into Dublin riot as threat to 1996 European championship recedes

England's supporters give final backing

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

WITH what may be regrettable haste, the football hierarchy and the government seemed to decide yesterday that the European championship can go ahead on English soil next year. No surrender to the hooligan mob.

The impulse, led from early morning by the Prime Minister and reiterated by mid-afternoon from the offices of Uefa and Fifa, the European and world governing bodies of football, was to accentuate the positive, to declare faith in the ability of English police to contain any menace.

However, as workers at the Lansdowne Road stadium in Dublin began clearing up the debris after the most chilling example of organised English hooliganism, it was evident that, not only had seats and their wooden surrounds been torn, but the iron mouldings of the seats had been ripped out and thrown down onto the pitch, thrown at the heads of players, gardai, stewards and other spectators.

And, while there is evidence that the English grounds selected for the 1996 tournament are subjected to the most sophisticated policing, who gives guarantees that street fighting will not erupt as it did at the European championship in Sweden in 1992?

Now, as then, there are right-wing groups of thugs who communicate from one European country to another, whose purpose is anarchy, who agree to rendezvous when nationalist fervour is at a high. Should not the Prime Minister, the president of Fifa and the general secretary of Uefa have waited for the promised reports on the investigation into an affray that none of them had witnessed first-hand? Would that not have been responsible leadership?

There are, of course, vested interests in declaring that the show, as well as the promised purge on the Dublin rioters, goes on. John Major has to believe that his country's police forces can mount a safe international sporting event — though this, in football, is the first since the 1966 World Cup.

And the vested interests of all the others, all the football men, is simple to understand: their commercial enterprise has already invested millions on the tournament; their love of the game bolsters the theme of no surrender.

Presenting the case for the Football Association yesterday, David Davies, its director of public affairs, referred to "the madness" of what happened in Dublin. He pledged that the inquiry, jointly begun between the FA and the Football Association of Ireland, would complete its urgent work by next week, but insisted: "It is our view that Euro 96 should and must go ahead . . . if it doesn't, who would have won then? A tiny minority of mindless thugs or a million genuine soccer fans who want the tournament to go ahead?"

Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, in Dublin the previous night, had with considerable decency and genuineness apologised to the Irish supporters, and said his heart went out to the injured, the frightened and the inconvenienced. His composure restored, he said the FA was "very heartened" by support received from football leaders abroad and the tournament's commercial partners.

"They are confident in our ability to stage a trouble-free Euro 96," Kelly reiterated. "Euro 96 will be a festival, not only of football, but also of the English way of life. These horrible, nasty people with misconceived notions of nationalism for some reason attach themselves to football. I feel sorry for the players — their lives [careers] are short, and they have to work against this backcloth."

Kelly, in the emotive atmosphere of Dublin, had fallen short of guaranteeing the safety of everyone who came, or who sent their children, to the festival in 16 months' time. But Glen Kirton, director of the European championship, spoke of a ticketing system with a database which would be matched, before each ticket was sold, with a similar database of hooligans drawn up by the FA and the police.

"Every ticket," Kirton said, "is a high-security ticket. Because of our closed-circuit television systems, we will be able to look at any person in any seat in any area and be able to say we know who that person is — or who it should be. It will not be possible to congregate large groups as happened in Dublin because there will be a maximum of four tickets sold to any one person."

So the big brother organisation is matched against the cunning of the right-wing infiltrators whose past escapades have been arranged with almost military planning. And so, from afar, came the nods of approval from those in high places.

João Havelange, the Fifa president, haughtily declared: "Fifa only deals with the field. England does not deserve, because of a localised problem, to have a sporting right withdrawn. That's the opinion of the president of Fifa and I'm sure it's the opinion of Fifa."

Meanwhile, the final decision on Euro 96 rests with Uefa. And its general secretary, Gerhard Aigner, having earlier said that it would be wrong to make assumptions until the executive committee had assessed the reports, came out in the afternoon with the statement that nobody at Uefa saw any reason why the tournament would be taken away from England.

It seems a *fait accompli*, the disparate authorities linking arms around the English administration, admitting that, if the event could not be held in England, with its massive police investment, then there was no safe haven anywhere in the continent capable of rescuing the 16-nation finals.

Disturbed as one is by the recurrence, on and off the field, of blatant challenges to authority and the reckless disregard for safety, the inevitability of Euro 96 seems unavoidable. Terry Venables, the England coach, believes the time has come for England to stop being soft on troublemakers, to adopt a Singapore mentality of frightening criminals out of their habitual disorder. And his captain, David Platt, summed up: "For ten years we've tried to live down our past, to improve things. In one fell swoop we're back to where we were."

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'The rest of Europe must cross its fingers and trust the British police'

David Miller examines the solutions, page 40



Davies, flanked by Kirton and Kelly, addresses the future of English football at a Football Association news conference in London yesterday, while Havelange, the Fifa president, does likewise in Geneva



Stadium staff clear up the debris at Lansdowne Road



Carling gives thoughts of early retirement the boot

David Hands, rugby correspondent, finds the England captain revelling in the fine displays produced by his team this season

EVEN if he believes that England is not, in the strict sense of the word, a rejuvenated team this season, Will Carling is certainly a rejuvenated player. As the English party left Bath for Cardiff yesterday, to prepare for the five nations' rugby union championship match with Wales tomorrow, Carling left a substantial hint behind that retirement is now the last thing on his mind.

"This is a different team, one that wants to win a grand slam, to win in Cardiff because it hasn't done so before, and there are some exciting players," the England captain said. "It's a World Cup year, I know, but I don't think it will be my last big shout. If you look at the team in general, there are a few clues there about why I feel things have been easier for me this season."

Indeed, all the senior players, those with 50-plus caps, like Carling, are fighting shy of writing *finis* to their careers because they believe that they are part of a fresh development in English rugby. At a time when the nation's other leading team sports are going through difficult times, rugby union can represent a good-news story.

"You can't pass comment on what happens in other sports," Carling said, with reference to the events at another historic rugby venue, Lansdowne Road, on Wednesday night. "I like it when England win at anything, but we just take pride in what we manage to do."

Some crossed fingers remain that Ben Clarke, the Bath flanker, will play, despite twinges from his ankle. Richie Collins, his opposite number, missed Wales's training, but only because his police duties required him as a witness in court.

"We are aware that Wales play exceptionally well in Cardiff, and even better against England in Cardiff, but we have no mental hang-ups about it," Carling said. "The Welsh have always had good players, but they raise themselves above normal against the English."

After completing their preparations, Scotland flew to Paris where they play France, leaving behind Paul Burnell, the injured prop, whose place among the replacements goes to John Manson, of Dundee HSFP. In a week when infringements of the amateur regulations have been levelled at players from both countries, Rob Wainwright, the Scotland blind-side flanker, has joined the debate by asking what is meant by amateur in the 1990s.

"I get a sum from the Scotland team sponsors, Famous Grouse," Wainwright says in the March issue of *Rugby World*, which is published today. "Now tell me the difference between Famous Grouse pumping money into the Scottish Rugby Union, who then pay us, which happens at the moment, and just Famous Grouse cutting out the middle man and paying us direct.

"As far as I'm concerned, I can't call myself an amateur player when I get paid."

Olivier Brouzet, the French lock, has recovered from an ankle injury and will play against Scotland. Olivier Merle, who was replaced by Brouzet for the game against England, remains on standby.

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SPRAYSEAL SOLVES ROOF PROBLEMS

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6 Throwing/gambling game with coins (5-3-4)
7 Package: piece of land (6)
8 Bribe (someone to do wrong) (6)
9 Little wooded hollow (4)
10 Obvious: passenger list (8)
12 Old, weak, worn out (8)
16 Strong cord (4)
18 Rakish; fond of games (6)
20 Of uncertain result (6)
21 Unbalanced state, insufficient weight at base (3-9)

DOWN

1 One demanding accuracy (8)
2 Jewish greeting (6)
3 Concord (6)
4 Painfully knock (toe) (4)
5 Egyptian god, judge of the dead (6)
6 Calmness; absence of conflict (5)
11 Abandoned (8)
13 Make use of (6)
14 On which wages are received (3-3)
15 Make snug in bed; eat well (4,2)
17 Scrums; fills suitcase (5)
19 German industrial, mining region (4)

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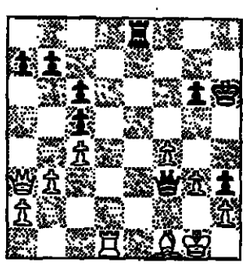
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Foukakis - Moor, European U-18, 1994. Black has sacrificied a piece to lure the white queen away from the defence of the king. What is now the best way for Black to continue?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ORTEGUINA
a. Type of miniature tangerine
b. A lascivious dance
c. A decorative pass

RITUALIA
a. Religious bric-à-brac
b. The lower entrails
c. A dwarf azalea

PASTIE
a. A nipple-cover
b. A collage
c. A Cornishman

RETICELLA
a. The back of the retina
b. Manoeuvre at bull-fighting
c. Venetian lace

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